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CHINA PROVIDENT COMPANY.

Shareholder and the
Godowns.

BETTER RETURNS WANTED.

At the 34th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., Mr. W. Morley asked if it was not possible to reform some of the Company's godowns so as to assure better returns.

The Chairman, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, said that the question was not so much inability to rent the godowns but an insufficiency of cargo brought here during the past year that affected them.

Mr. Morley then asked if the Company themselves could not secure cargo for their godowns, was it possible for them to rent to others who could.

The Chairman said that he did not think anyone could rent the godowns from them and make a profit under conditions as obtain at present. He pointed out that, as stated in his speech, they were considering making some of their godowns pay by converting them into dwellings for Chinese. He promised that if conditions continue to be bad this year, and if there was a demand for godowns, the Board of Directors would consider Mr. Morley's suggestion.

The meeting was held at noon to-day in the Company's Board room, second floor, Alexandra Buildings. Supporting the Chairman were the following Directors: the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and Messrs. A. L. Alves, T. B. Wilson, S. M. Churn, P. M. Hodgson, N. V. A. Crouches and Li Tse-fong, and Mr. D. L. King, Secretary. Shareholders present were Messrs. W. Morley, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, and J. A. de V. Soares.

Chairman's Speech.
In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—Your Board regret that the Company's main item of revenue, namely, the operation of the godowns and shipping work connected therewith, shows a considerable falling off during 1930 due to causes I will mention later, but this reduction was met to a very large extent by economies in working, reduced interest charge, and also by revenue obtained from the foreclosed properties in Mongkok and Aberdeen taken over from the mortgagors. The net result for the year, gentlemen, is a profit of \$54,837.16. Competition was unusually keen due to the dearth of large cargoes, and new business proposed to us was contingent on a cut in rates which could not be accepted. This competition came from what might be described as the "free lands" concerns, but we managed, nevertheless, to retain the business of our supporters.

Business conditions during the year under review were much below normal, and a drop in the revenue compared with 1929 had been anticipated by the Board. This expected reduction which, as a matter of fact, was not as great as anticipated may be attributed to the continued and unprecedented fall in exchange throughout the year, accompanied by the inevitable reduction in the purchasing power of the dollar which disorganised business at regular intervals, resulting in a decreased volume of importation of those commodities on which we rely so largely for the bulk of our business.

Hand to Mouth Buying.
In both sugar and flour imports, though to a lesser extent in the case of the latter article, the factor which appears to have been the chief cause of the decrease has been the hand-to-mouth buying by both merchant and consumer, which has characterised the year's trading; as a result of this, the heavy deliveries to buyers made ex-ship, and even ex-lighter alongside our godowns, have deprived us of earnings in storage.

The uncertainty which prevailed as to the date of the application of the new tariff on imports into China was responsible for the frequent exercise of options by consignees on cargoes, originally intended for this Colony, resulting in statements being carried on to the American ports. This was particularly noticeable towards the

AUSTRALIA TO PAY HER DEBTS.

Determined Action by
Mr. Scullin.

MR. THOMAS RELIEVED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas in the House of Commons to-day said that he was relieved and gratified at the message he received to-day from the Australian Premier, Mr. J. Scullin, as follows:—"The Commonwealth Government has taken counsel opinion regarding its position under the financial agreement in relation to the New South Wales interest falling due in London on April 1 which State has declared it will not pay. Advice received, shows that the Commonwealth is under a legal obligation to the States, which are parties to a financial agreement to pay interest and also that the Commonwealth has legal rights to pay. Accordingly, the Commonwealth will make provision to pay the interest falling due in London, which the New South Wales has declined to pay.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE VISAS.

ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED
WITH UNITED STATES.

REDUCTION OF COST.

Washington, Yesterday.
Reciprocal Chinese and American arrangements are under discussion substantially to reduce the cost of non-immigrant visas.—Reuter's American Service.

end of the year under review when every endeavour was made to effect imports into China on the basis of the old tariff.

Conditions in the flour trade were not better, for in the majority of cases merchants imported sparingly merely for the purpose of maintaining particular brands and marks in the market whilst awaiting an improvement in trade generally. As a consequence the quantities handled during the year were considerably less than those for 1929.

In general cargo imports were maintained at the level of the figures for 1929 and in certain specialised lines an increase has been recorded. Arrangements have been made for the storage of bonded cargoes in accordance with Government requirements and it is possible that further bonded storage space will have to be provided for during the current year to meet the demand which has increased largely of late.

Minimum Expenditure.
Expenditure has been kept down to a minimum but in regard to rates and taxes which form a most important percentage of our working costs, your Board is of the opinion that the assessments now levied upon us is excessively high, and might be equitably reduced, having in mind the services which some of our godowns do not enjoy to the same measure as other buildings charged at the same rate, in particular as to water.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, gentlemen, your Board is happy to place before you a statement which records a greatly improved position as regards its commitments. Liquidation of frozen loans have been carried to such a stage that your Board is of the opinion that the Company's affairs have at last turned the corner.

Under loans, after eliminating the transfer of \$190,719.82 to Property Account representing the properties at Aberdeen and Mongkok both of which are revenue earning, the total liquidated is nearly \$210,000 and of the balance outstanding under this head at December 31, 1930, viz. \$254,622.74 (compared with \$872,862.16 in 1929), a further sum of \$85,000 has been realised since the date of the Balance Sheet.

Investments.
Investments in the sum of \$123,970 are represented entirely by our holding in the Sandakan Light & Power Co., Ltd., in reference to which a note has been inserted in the Balance Sheet giving the market valuation at \$293,712. How far this valuation may be realised when applied to the large block we hold is a matter for conjecture on which the Board is naturally reluctant to express an opinion. The increase in property value has already been

COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE ARMY.

Extortionate Demands
of Congress.

GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE.

Karachi, Yesterday.
Congress reached the apex of its proceedings with a three-hour debate with the result that a resolution was passed confirming the Irwin-Gandhi pact, reaffirming the goal of independence, demanding complete control of the Army, Foreign Affairs, and Finance, and appointing Gandhi as the head of the Congress delegation for a further Round Table Conference.—Reuter.

Ultior Motives?
Karachi, Yesterday.
The British Government in the Far East in connection with the proposed separation of Burma, are suggested in a resolution adopted by the All-India Congress.

The subjects of a committee resolution declare that the British endeavour to force the separation seems deliberately engineered to perpetuate British domination in Burma, so as to make Burma, together with Singapore, by reason of the presence of oil and their strategic position, a stronghold of imperialism in Eastern Asia.

The Congress registered strong opposition to the policy which will result in Burma being kept as a British dependency and her resources exploited for British imperialistic purposes. This would menace other eastern Nations.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in moving the resolution declared: "It is not gold and silver the nations are running after. Oil is more precious than either. Not for nothing did Turkey and Britain fight over Mosul Oil."—Reuter.

MURDER OF FATHER TIERNEY.

Question Raised in the
Commons.

ACTION BY NANKING.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons at question time Mr. Arthur Henderson said that His Majesty's Minister in China, was unable yet to confirm or deny the rumour that Father Tierney, of St. Columba's Mission in Kain-chang, was dead, and added that Sir Miles Lampson was in frequent communication with the Chinese Foreign Minister, who on March 25 undertook to telegraph again to the local authorities. The latter had already been instructed to spare nothing to secure Father Tierney's release, and were prepared to pay ransom if necessary.

The special messenger sent to the locality by the Chinese Government to obtain information was expected back in Nanking on April 13.

Mr. Henderson added that he had no information apart from Press reports regarding the reported murder of two American women missionaries.—Reuter.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

SUIT FOR DISSOLUTION OF
SUGAR INSTITUTE.
INJUNCTION FILED.

New York, Yesterday.
A suit for the dissolution of the Sugar Institute and a permanent injunction against the American Sugar Refining Company and 49 defendants charged with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, have been filed by the Federal Court on behalf of the United States Attorney-General.

Members of the Sugar Institute produced 88 per cent. of the sugar consumed by the United States. The Government's complaint against the Institute alleges that the sugar sold by members was manufactured from raw product obtained in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines at abnormally low prices which have not been reflected in the cost to the consumer.—Reuter's American Service.

AIR MAIL PLANS

NEW SERVICE TO
AUSTRALIA.

TEST FLIGHTS.

LONDON TO PORT
DARWIN IN 11 DAYS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Arrangements are now complete between the Post Office, the Air Ministry, and the Imperial Airways for the immediate operation of two experimental return air mail flights between Britain and Australia. The first outward flight is due to leave Croydon on Saturday next, arriving 15 days later at Port Darwin, where an Australian aeroplane will connect and proceed to Sydney and Melbourne.

On April 27 the return flight will start from Port Darwin, due in London on May 4. The second outward bound air mail will leave Britain on April 25, the return flight leaving Port Darwin on May 17.

Now under review by the Government are proposals by the Imperial Airways for a regular weekly air mail between India and Australia to link up with the existing weekly passenger and mail service between Britain and India.—British Wireless Service.

Another Report.
London, Yesterday.

An experimental Britain to Australia air mail flight will begin on April 4, covering 11,194 miles from London to Port Darwin in 15 days. An aeroplane will meet the air mail at Port Darwin and convey it to Sydney and Melbourne.

The return flight will start from Port Darwin on April 27 and arrive in London on May 14. A further outward machine will leave London on May 25 and arrive in Australia on May 10. A second return flight will leave Port Darwin on May 17.

The aeroplane taking the Australian mail on April 4 will also take weekly air mail for India and Central Africa. It is proposed to institute a weekly air mail between India and Australia and is hoped to carry on the air mail service from London to Port Darwin in not more than 11 or 12 days.—Reuter.

VICEROY OF INDIA.

EARL WILLINGTON TO SAIL
ON THURSDAY.

DUE IN APRIL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Earl of Willington, Viceroy and Governor-General designate of



India, with the Countess of Willington, will leave London for India on Thursday, accompanied by members of his staff. The party will embark at Marseilles in the liner Viceroy of India, due in Bombay on April 17.—British Wireless Service.

SUEZ CANAL DUES CONTROVERSY.

'Impertinent' Statement
by the Company.

BRITISH SHIPPERS ANGRY.

London, Yesterday.

The matter of the Suez Canal dues was raised in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Samuel suggesting that the Government should request an appropriate committee to consider whether the scale of dues restricted British exports to the East.

Mr. W. R. Smith replied that the whole question was under consideration, but no useful purpose was to be served by such an enquiry.

Mr. Samuel drew attention to the impertinent "statement" recently issued by the Company and asked the Government to convey to the British representative on board that British shippers were not going to tolerate such language.

Mr. Smith gave his assurance that the Board of Trade were fully seized with the importance of the matter and were dealing with it.—Reuter.

[The Suez Canal Company, in a statement in reply to complaints about the height of its dues, says that it is not prepared, anyhow at present, further to reduce its dues, and points out, inter alia, that the dues were reduced last September. A further reduction would prejudice the interests of the Company and scarcely benefit commercial shipping generally. It is understood that the Company expresses the opinion that the British Government might assist British shipping using the canal out of its dividends from the Company.]

LIMITATION OF OIL IMPORTS.

Leading Firms Join in
U.S.A. Scheme.

REDUCTION TO VARY.

Washington, Yesterday.
All leading importers of foreign petroleum have now conformed with the informal request of the Government to assist the limitation of oil imports, the latest to join in being the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which has notified the Treasury that it will join the scheme within 90 days. The decisions of the companies in regard to the curtailment apply only for a 90-day period and the amount of reduction varies considerably.—Reuter's American Service.

TOBACCO TAX.

INCREASE CONTEMPLATED BY
CHANCELLOR.

CUSTOMS OFFICE HINT.

London, Yesterday.
A hint that the Chancellor of the Exchequer contemplates an increase on the tobacco tax is implied in a circular issued by the Customs Office enforcing restriction clearances on tobacco from bond next month to one-twelfth the quantity cleared for the same period of last year.—Reuter.

BRITISH BUDGET.

TO BE PRESENTED BY MR.
SNOWDEN ON APRIL 27.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald told a questioner in the House of Commons that Mr. Snowden would personally present the Budget on April 27.—Reuter.

COLLISION AT SEA.

H.M.S. NELSON BUMPS INTO
STEAMER.

Rugby, Yesterday.
During the thick fog a slight collision occurred yesterday off Cape Velez, Spain, between H.M. battleship "Nelson" now on a voyage home, and the S.S. "West Wales," of Cardiff. The latter had her stem buckled but was able to proceed to Las Palmas. No one was injured.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI AIRMAN COMES TO GRIEF.

Intended to Fly Back
from Home Leave.

PURELY PRIVATE FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Ford, on a purely private flight, left Lympne on March 29, intending to fly across Central Europe, Constantinople, and then Persia and India. Mr. Ford took up flying while on furlough in Britain. He had been in the air for only 50 or 60 hours before setting out on his venture on a second hand Gypsy Moth, with a Gypsy One engine, which he hoped to sell to the Chinese Government. The flight has no special feature, for he expressed the opinion that he might as well return to work in Shanghai by air as by sea.—Reuter.

[An earlier report stated:—The British airman, Mr. Ford, who is on a flight to Shanghai, was caught in a severe snowstorm and fell to the ground at Tatol. His machine was destroyed, but the airman fortunately escaped scatheless.]

Brought Down.

Athens, Yesterday.

Mr. Ford, the British aviator, who is flying to Japan and was brought down in a heavy snowstorm, will continue his flight in a few days.—Reuter.

ADVERTISING ON A LAUNCH.

Owner Fined for Breach
of Regulations.

IGNORANCE OF THE LAW.

At the Marine Court this morning, Sub-Inspector Munro, of the Water Police, summoned Chan Hi, owner of the steam launch Fook Lee before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), for advertising by means of lettering or devices a saleable commodity (a brand of milk) on the vessel at 4.45 p.m. on March 25.

The defendant said that he did not know it was against regulations to advertise on his launch. He had seen advertisements on ferry launches and, therefore, had concluded that it was all right. His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

MONTE CARLO.

JACK BUCHANAN AT THE
KING'S.

A SPLENDID PROGRAMME.

A private Press view this morning of the feature film, "Monte Carlo," which was to open the new King's Theatre this afternoon, fully justified all the claims of the management as to the reproduction being absolutely up-to-the-minute. The sound was very smooth, quite clear, and pleasingly uniform. The photography in the feature film, excellent as it is, was enhanced, if anything, by the projection in the theatre. Everyone present left the building quite delighted with the preliminary showing.

It is quite safe to say that "Monte Carlo" will pack the house for days to come. In this film, Jack Buchanan is at his debonair best, and Jeanette MacDonald, infinitely more vivacious than heretofore, gives her best screen performance to date. The pair play to each other splendidly, and their duets are a thing of delight. The whole Colony will be singing or whistling "Always in All Ways," before the week is out, one thinks.

Buchanan is given lots of scope for funny antics, and makes the most of them. He is backed up by a very efficient male cast. Miss MacDonald sings very sweetly, and the songs suit her. The whole production has obviously had a great deal of care spent upon it, and will be pronounced a big advance on most of the feature films seen here. Film fans will need no urging to go and see for themselves. But it is worth while re-iterating that in "Monte Carlo" they will find a film that is excellent from every point of view, which can be seen in comfortable and harmonious surroundings.

OPERATIC STARS IN THEATRE ROYAL.

Fine Singing By Toti
Dal-Monte.

DE MURO-LOMANTO'S ART.

Hong Kong music lovers owe a very deep debt of gratitude to Mr. A. Strok, who from time to time, in the face of discouraging recaptions, gives them the opportunity of listening to some of the world's best concert artists.

The attendance at the concert by Toti dal Monte and de Muro-Lomanto last night was very disappointing. One thought it responsible to a large extent for a rather tentative opening by dal Monte. She chose Gounod's Serenade to begin with, followed by the more colourful Capriera (Benedict). Possibly the order might have been reversed with advantage. But not until she sang "Songs My Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak), followed by More's delectable trifle, "When Love is Kind," did we begin to glimpse the real dal Monte, the true prima donna.

Fine Singing.
After that she rose to great heights, investing the Mad Scene from "Lucia" with an irresistible artistry, the cadenza passages, with flute accompaniment, being achieved with remarkable sweetness and flexibility. The triumph of her last group, three Spanish songs, was then assured. By now completely at ease, dal Monte was in wonderful voice in Ponce's lovely "Estrellita," and the whimsical "Clavellitos" of Valverde. A generous and highly appreciative audience would not let her go until she had delighted them once again with "Ay! Ay! Ay!" (Perez Freire), dal Monte, combines with a requisite sweetness and clarity of tone an unusual capacity for restraint, with a fine reserve of power when called upon. She quite captured her audience last night.

A Great Tenor.
De Muro-Lomanto is one of the finest tenors heard in Hong Kong for many a day. He commenced with the utmost confidence with Tosti's "Ultima Canzone," followed by "Mattiata" (Leoncavallo). It was at once apparent that he possessed range, clarity and power, and he confirmed the impression in his next item, Donizetti's note too inspiring "Una furiva lacrima." His selections in the second half of the programme were notable for a really superb rendition of "O Solo Mio," sung with tremendous volume and clarion tone. "For You Alone," in the same group, although it proved highly popular, was not quite so successful, the singer not being word perfect, and the tempo being rushed a little. "E lucea in stelle," from Tosca, seemed much more in his metier, and very rightly was encored, the singer responding with "La Donna e Mobile."

An Object Lesson.
de Muro-Lomanto's voice is remarkable for its even production. His breathing control is in itself an object lesson to aspiring vocalists, whilst he has a fine volume which he is able to modulate to perfection. The final item brought the two singers together in a duet from Rigoletto, ("Signor ne Principe io vorrei"). The two voices blended excellently, and it was a matter for regret that the singers could not see their way to reply to the storm of applause.

A special word of acknowledgment is due to Annibale Bizzelli, who accompanied with superb skill. Francesco Elai, the flautist, played the obligatos most sympathetically.—Tennet.

SOVIET DEFAULT.

LENA GOLDFIELDS AWARD
NOT PAID.

NEGOTIATIONS IN HAND.

London, Yesterday.
The Soviet Government's non-payment of the Lena Goldfields arbitration award was raised in the House of Commons at question time, and Mr. Arthur Henderson said that the British Ambassador in Moscow was at present negotiating with the Soviet on behalf of the Company. While these negotiations are proceeding, he shall not consider that any further statement will serve the interests of the Company.—Reuter.

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life insurance, and its effect on putting men out of work. Then

life insurance, and its effect on paying men out of work. Then should have to look myself strait in the face as president of the second largest building society in the country, and ask whether it is right that people should go on paying money for the purpose of building houses and increasing the capital of the country, and whether they were not thereby increasing unemployment.

Building Societies.

"Supposing that I have a friend who desires to build a house and employ certain unemployed bricklayers, unemployed iron and steel workers, unemployed cement workers, brickmakers, and all the other occupations affected when a house

built. I explain that I would have lent him the money to employ

built. I explain that I would have lent him the money to employ these people, but that would have been saving it, and Mr. Keynes said I must not save. I must spend on boots and pianos and new houses for my wife, because by so doing I create employment among boot makers, pianomakers and milliners. My friend would be able to say at once that I was merely employing one set of people instead of another.

"I rather imagine that the building society movement can be abolished altogether from the charge of creating unemployment.

"Now what about National S

say with any confidence where

ing Certificates. None of us say with any confidence where money saved finally gets to—it goes into the Exchequer, and thence into the great money machine. But, subject to certain limitations, it is destined to be spent somewhere, and to create employment. At the moment, however, it is a very important function in the National Budget. The new money is lent voluntarily to the Government, the less will the Government have to go out and borrow, and tend to increase the rate of interest. Also, if the deficit is big, the more prospect there is of greater taxation in future. Now, very heavy taxation going to the good for business confidence it is, and it is just business confidence which is wanted to increase employment, to undertake new enterprises and to take advantage of the moratorium that are being saved.

"I have," Sir Josiah continued.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 4th April and on MONDAY, 6th April, 1931, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon. There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

*No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 per day for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all bills, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 per day including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be served in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure during the Tiffin interval.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th March, 1931.

SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OWING to CONGESTION in the Members' Enclosure, the FREE PASSES to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year—1st April, 1931.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

BANK HOLIDAYS

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 3rd, 4th, and 6th April (Easter Holidays).

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1931.

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UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, March 18, 1931.

HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, until WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
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POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

Hon. Inspector General of Police's Inspection.

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. I. G. P. accompanied by the Hon. Commissioners of Police Reserve will take place at Central Police Station on Tuesday, April 28 at 5.30 p.m. sharp. All members must attend. Dress—Winter Uniform, Belts without frogs and Cap with White Cover.

A practice parade for the above inspection will take place at the Central Police Station on Thursday, April 9, at 5.30 p.m. All members must attend. Dress—Winter uniform, belts without frogs and cap with white cover.

Special Duty.

All members of the Chinese, Indian, Flying Squad and Sharp-shooter Companies who are detailed for special duty to-day, will fall in at Central Police Station at 7 p.m. Dress—Winter uniform and cap without cover.

General.

Revolver Practice.—There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-day, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Probationers.—The following probationers are specially required to attend the Police Training School, and Squad Drill at the Central Police Station on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively: R99 Frank Chew, R74 Ho Kwai-hung, R51 Lam Man-ki, R89 Luk Kang-cheung, R69 Pong Kwok-tin, R8 Tsol Long-shan, R68 Edward E. Tip, R84 Silver Pong and R81 Kwok Shui-cheong.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. under L.S. R48 Tso Chi-on.

Flying Squad.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Flying Squad will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill on

FUTURE WARFARE.

PROFESSOR ON DEATH BY DAZZLING MEANS.

Professor Gilbert Murray described the perfection of "the art of killing" in an address on future warfare, when he opened the first International Congress of the British Universities League of Nations' Society at Glasgow.

We can kill more people now, he said, because we can move at a much greater speed. By the conquest of the air we have found a more dazzling means of killing, and we have made wonderful chemical discoveries.

Once iron was thought to be heavy enough to deal with any human head; hard steel was then invented, and now we have things harder than steel.

A certain powder has been invented, he added, one teaspoonful of which, properly distributed in the air, will kill a million people. In the old days only soldiers were called on to face death, but now danger faces us all.

Sir Josiah Stamp in an address on the position of the business man in international affairs, said the interdependence of the world's business and economics was becoming greater. The promotion of peace and internal prosperity were now essential to business.

Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. under L.S.R.333 A. W. Mooney.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-tsau-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Special Duty.—Members who are detailed for special duty at the Races will parade at Central Police Station on Saturday and Monday, at 13 hours respectively.

There will be no instructional patrol for the Hong Kong Section on Friday.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Leave.—L.S.R.414 R. P. Dunlop has been granted 8 months' leave of absence from the Colony as from April 2.

Miniature Range Practice.—The Company Rifle Club will hold its weekly practice on the miniature range on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. (Sgd.) D. L. KING.

D. S. P. (R.)
Hong Kong, March 30, 1931.

DIVORCE LAWS.

A THIRD ATTEMPT TO SECURE REFORM.

Active steps are being taken to bring about a drastic reform of the divorce laws.

In 1912 a bill was drafted at the instance of the Divorce Law Reform Union (of which the Earl of Birkenhead afterwards became president) embodying the principal recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Divorce. Twice this bill was introduced in Parliament, only to be rejected. There is now expectation that it will be introduced, for the third time, within a very short time.

It is understood that the measure has already been promised support from all parties in the Commons.

The bill proposes to grant divorce on grounds of adultery; desertion for three years; continuous cruelty; continuously certified lunacy; and, in five years, incurable habitual drunkenness; and the imprisonment of the respondent under commuted sentence of death or during his Majesty's pleasure in a criminal lunatic asylum.

In the absence of cause shown to the contrary, a decree nisi granted in any case would be automatically made absolute by the court after the expiration of six months, without application from either side. This would avoid the complaint now sometimes made by respondents that application by the petitioner to have a decree made absolute is willfully delayed as an additional punishment upon him or her.

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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	7th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Thurs.	2nd Apr.
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwansei Maru	Sat.	4th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	London Maru	Sun.	5th Apr.
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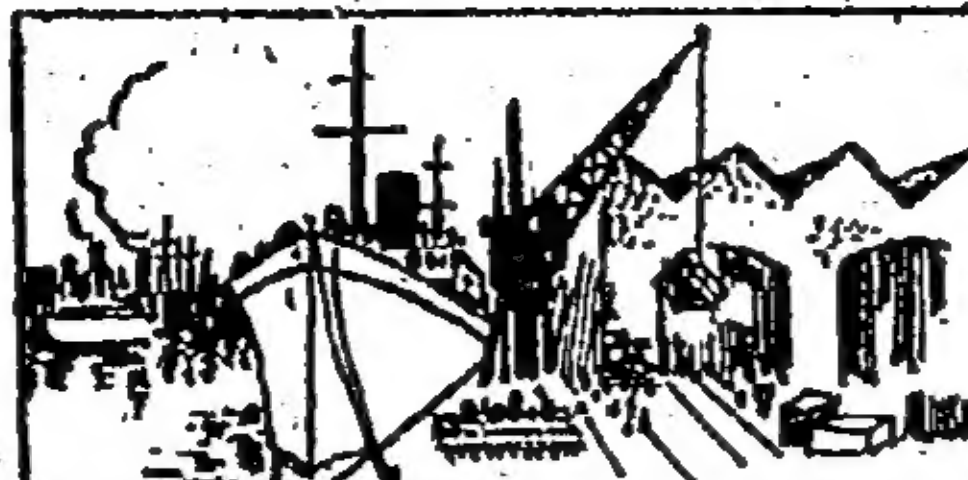
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BOAT-LOWERING.

NEW SYSTEM ON GIANT GERMAN LINERS.

One of the greatest problems with which shipbuilders and designers are faced is the election of boat-lowering gear, a matter which has given concern to most commanders and officers of ships. It was therefore (say the National Magazine), with considerable interest that we read the paper given recently by Mr. E. F. Spanner, the eminent naval architect, at the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders at Newcastle-on-Tyne. We have frequently dealt with the methods employed by German ships in protecting lifeboats with buoyancy fenders which admit of boats being lowered with less risk of damage. At the same time our readers have observed in cases of disaster, such as that which happened to the *Volturno*, when about a score of boats from ships of various nationalities put off to the rescue of passengers and crew, the German boats rode through the nasty seas of a long night with greater comfort than others.

We mention this for the reason that Mr. Spanner in his paper has referred to the excellent boat-lowering arrangements of the latest German liners, Bremen and Europa. In this case the boats are stowed upon trackways sloping outboard at such an angle to ensure that they will run out to the high side when the ship has a 15 degree list. They are stowed sufficiently high above the deck to admit of headroom beneath them and to allow for bilges to clear the deck when going out. Single wire suspensions from each boat end are used instead of obsolete boat falls, which swell in wet weather and freeze in cold.

The method of hoisting employed is to take the soft flexible and uninkable wire falls to a double-barrelled winch, specially designed with a break to ensure hoisting on an even keel.

In embarking passengers, the Germans have taken a leaf out of the method employed on cable vessels, who have specially-trained and extra-paid crews to take boats to and from the ship in all weathers to light up cable and mark buoys. Boats are frapped to "pudding-bag" spars along the rail in both cases; crews or passengers embark in comfort, bow and stern frappings are eased away until the boat swings freely; fenders are attended to by men on the top deck, and the boat is released as soon as she becomes water-borne.

Naturally, in the case of liners or cargo steamers one cannot expect the same service in boat work as that employed by specially-trained sea-boat crews. No accidents were recorded on a cable vessel which spent 10 months in mid-Atlantic where boats were daily lowered in heavy seas. A very different proposition to training boats' crews in a dock or river! Of late years, and particularly in the new German liners, which Mr. Spanner mentions, "the design of the gear is simple and shipshape; its operation can be easily understood, and it is thoroughly efficient and workmanlike; the stowage of boats is neat and adequate."

Another advantage is that only one man is required to lower a large boat-load of passengers to the waterline. In the Bremen the tracks are pitched to the steepness of 35 degrees.

One interesting point mentioned in Mr. Spanner's paper concerns the difficulty of passengers embarking while bringing the boat to the ship's low side when there is a heavy list; a situation that must necessarily arise, but surely some method to overcome the obstacle can be employed. Mr. Spanner suggests a remedy by the introduction of a lower point of disembarkation from a "closed-in" lowered deck, so that the boat may be swung out through doors after her full complement of passengers have taken their places. Only then would the doors on the lower deck become open to the sea to allow for launching. He says:—

"There is serious risk that, owing to the exposed positions in which the davits (on the Bremen) are necessarily fitted, and the general character of the installation, that severely cold weather conditions will result in the gear being put out of action by reason of ice forming in the channels and other parts of the gear accessible to water."

History has shown this danger to be ever prevalent in frosty weather conditions, and doubtless

many lives which otherwise might have been saved have been lost through the inability to might have been saved have been instances of serious delays until the boats and falls have been subjected to jets of steam. Briefly, Mr. Spanner proposes that the boats shall be stowed—

As low down in the ship as practicable to obtain reasonable immunity from sea damage; accommodation should be planned so that a definite section of the space available in any particular boat may be allocated to it. Ladderways or stairways should be easy for passengers to climb, even when the ship has a bad list. Steps should be taken to ensure that the sub-division of accommodation spaces is such as to force people to take the correct stairways to their boat positions.

The difficulty in this direction among "panicky" passengers may be hard to overcome. Mr. Spanner maintains—

That it will be necessary to insist upon recognition of the fact that passengers must be kept on the proper side of the ship, and that any laxity in this direction spells breakdown of the whole system of disembarkation.

Unfortunately, in the several disasters of recent years, there has been a considerable loss of life through passengers failing to respond to orders. In a ship carrying nearly 1,000 passengers, we have ourselves observed their absolute refusal to attend boat drill. Even stewards and cooks have discouraged boat drill, by complaining that meals in preparation were being spoilt by what they have termed, in the hearing of passengers, "damned foolery."

While every thinking shipmaster and officer will appreciate the efforts of Mr. Spanner to improve safety conditions in times of emergency at sea; we fear that, until commanders of passenger ships are empowered to enforce the attendance of their passengers at boat and fire drill stations, all that devices for the better protection of life at sea will prove abortive.

We concur with the remarks of Mr. Spanner that—

Passengers should be brought to the disembarking deck directly opposite their proper boat, and that it should be made as easy as possible for stewards or other appointed members of the crew to round up passengers belonging to individual boats, and that barriers should divide groups of passengers.

In the light of past experiences we have been informed that lives have been lost through the fear of passengers being unwilling to enter boats: they have had to be bodily lifted into them. As a result much delay has ensued. At the same time it appears to be a good idea to stow boats on the lower decks, where they are protected from the sea. It would perhaps add courage to passengers about to disembark, a point which cannot be overlooked.

The other advantages are, of course, that boats would be protected from heavy seas and cold weather conditions. The opinion has been expressed by shipmasters that a more novel form of boat is necessary to protect passengers against exposure. Lifeboats should be entirely different in character from those at present in use; they should be of durable metal, self-righting and protected from seas by metal hoods; their sides should be protected by rubber cushions, even as the boats of the arctic fishing factories are protected.

We have yet to reach that stage of progress when the sinking ship will automatically free boats as watertight as submarines from their decks. Efforts in this direction might be more in keeping with modern requirements. The present form of ship's lifeboat is hopeless antiquated, and whatever method of lowering is employed, death from exposure, we fear, will prevail.

TAI HING'S MISHAP.

TAKEN OFF THE ROCKS TO WUCHOW.

According to information in shipping circles this morning, the British Wuchow liner, *Tai Hing*, was taken off *Chicken Basket Island* yesterday afternoon. She was towed to Wuchow where temporary repairs will be made. It is reported that the bottom of the ship was damaged by rocks and will be able to make the trip to Hong Kong to enter dock.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, March 29.
Calchas, British str., 6,818 tons, Capt. J. J. Power, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Chennan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. Newton, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Chipsing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. Fehick, from Canton, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Golden River, American str., 3,817 tons, Capt. J. W. Giffin, from Cebu, buoy No. A7.—States S.S. Co.
Halldor, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from Bangkok, buoy No. C6.—Thoresen & Co.
Hiram, Norwegian str., 1,109 tons, Capt. E. Hannovig, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—Thoresen & Co.
Nanning, British str., 1,486 tons, Capt. E. Carrington, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.
Promise, Norwegian str., 727 tons, Capt. E. Winsnes, from Bangkok, buoy No. C1.—K. Larssen & Co.
Shyolin Maru, Japanese str., 3,365 tons, Captain S. Sakai, from Wakamatsu, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.S.K.
St. Albans, British str., 2,538 tons, Capt. F. R. Miller, from Moji, Cosmopolitan Dock.—M. M. & Co.
Talcree, British str., 4,055 tons, Capt. E. R. Jowsey, from San Pedro, Laichikok Anchorage.—Standard Oil Co.
Tijikembang, Dutch str., 5,026 tons, Captain P. Abbo, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.
Tijmanock, Dutch str., 3,520 tons, Capt. J. Adriaanse, from Muntok, buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.
Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Monday March 30.
Bellingham, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. W. R. Brust, from Kobe, buoy No. A8.—States S.S. Co.
Chungkong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Tourane, buoy No. B16.—Yau Lee & Co.
City of Athens, British str., 4,187 tons, Capt. J. Power, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.
Felix Roussel, French str., 21,000 tons, Capt. Clarice, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.
Franconia, British str., 20,000 tons, Capt. R. B. Irving, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—B. & S.
Hulchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.
Kayling, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Kladderport, British str., 3,263 tons, Capt. C. S. D. Wright, from Singapore, buoy No. A6.—M. M. & Co.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,573 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Canton, buoy No. B19.—B. & S.
Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,235 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Haiphong, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Pleisdon, British str., 3,409 tons, Captain W. E. Dolton, from Balikpapan, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.
Pres. Jackson, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Lines, Inc., Ltd.
Saka Maru, Japanese str., 3,836 tons, Captain Fujinaga, from Milke, buoy No. A12.—Y.K.K.
Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Teau, British str., 1,851 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Dainy, buoy No. B18.—B. & S.
Tensan Maru, Japanese str., 1,528 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Canton, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K.
Yuen Sang, British str., 3,229 tons, Capt. W. J. Pettigrew, from Calcutta via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—No. 7 buoy.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Cumberland—In Whampoa dock.
Iroquois—South wall.
Marathon—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—South wall.
Othello—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Petersfield—No. 6 buoy.
Sandwich—No. 6 buoy.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Seraph—West wall.
Serpent—West wall.
Sirdar—No. 11 buoy.
Somme—No. 10 buoy.
Stirling—No. 11 buoy.
Sutcliffe—North wall.
Foreign—Min of War.
Mincius—American gunboat.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

Amoy Santhia
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

Samshai and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
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Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco	Asama Maru	

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Registration Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Letters Apr. 1, 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane St. Albans
(Due Brisbane, April 18.)
Parcels Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Registration Apr. 1, 9.15 a.m.
Letters Apr. 1, 9 a.m.

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Parcels Mar. 31, 5 p.m.
Registration Apr. 1, 9.15 a.m.
Letters Apr. 1, 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Autolytus	
	(Due Marseilles, May 2.)	
	Registration Apr. 1, 8.45 a.m.	
	Letters Apr. 1, 9.30 a.m.	

*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East Africa via Mombasa and South Africa via Lourenco Marques	Canada Maru	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taihan	8.30 p.m.
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*RAJPUTANA	10,608	25th Apr.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOUDAN	10,608	2nd May	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	5th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	10,132	23rd May	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*BURDWAN	10,132	30th May	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KASHMIR	9,856	6th June	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RANPURA	10,601	20th June	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAWALPINDI	10,319	18th July	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	9,114	8th Aug.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	10,608	15th Aug.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KARNATA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*CATHAY	10,121	12th Sept.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOUDAN	10,121	19th Sept.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KALYAN	9,144	25th Sept.	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.

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TAKADA	9,549	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	10,132	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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when the Prince of Wales humor-
ously remarked that he came all
the way to Brazil "to hole out in
one."

His Royal Highness declared
that he was not a politician and
not a business man, so he could
do something to help "as a Haisoa
officer" between the British Cham-
ber of Commerce in South Ameri-
ca and the manufacturers in Brit-
tain.

The Prince urged every British
resident abroad to promote the
purchase of British products. He
was given a loud ovation at the
close of a brilliant speech and
subsequently shook hands with
500 ladies present and then danc-
ed until the small hours of the
morning.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

"TIRED OF LIFE."

FILM STAR'S MAD DRIVE TO
DEATH.

BITTEN BY LION.

Nice, Yesterday.
"Tired of Life," a woman deli-
berately drove a motor car 500
feet over a cliff at Ezeaurmer and
crashed in smithereens on the
beach below.

Investigation showed that she
was an ex-Ziegfeld Follies beauty
and an ex-film star named Peggy
Davis. She was well known on
the Riviera. She was twice mar-
ried. Her first marriage was dis-
solved, the second annulled and
the third was in 1925 to a wealthy
Australian named Townsend. Of
this latter marriage a baby was
born in 1926.

Peggy Davis retired from the
films as a result of a bite from
a Zoo lion during a rehearsal.

A few moments before the
tragedy she entered a cafe, drank
two brandies, and scribbled a note
which she left on the table, and
in which she said: "I do not
want to return to the stage. Take
care of my mother and baby. I
am tired of life."—Reuter.

BACK TO PARIS.

FRENCH AIRMEN LEAVE FOR
SHANGHAI.

Peking, Yesterday.
Burtin and Moenche, the French
aviators, who are flying back to
Paris, left here at 6 a.m. to-day
for Nanking and Shanghai.—
Reuter.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or
mean time of the meridian of 120
deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is
noon. The heights are referred to
the datum of the largest scale Ad-
miralty chart of the place and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

March 31 to April 6, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW W. TEN
March	1st	2nd
Tues 3	11 55	4 40
Wed 4	12 33	4 19
Thurs 5	1 11	3 58
Fri 6	1 49	3 37
Sat 7	2 27	3 16
Sun 8	3 05	2 55
Mon 9	3 43	2 34
Tues 10	4 21	2 13
Wed 11	4 59	1 52
Thurs 12	5 37	1 31
Fri 13	6 15	1 10
Sat 14	6 53	0 49
Sun 15	7 31	0 28
Mon 16	8 09	0 07
Tues 17	8 47	11 46
Wed 18	9 25	11 25
Thurs 19	10 03	11 04
Fri 20	10 41	10 43
Sat 21	11 19	10 22
Sun 22	11 57	10 01
Mon 23	12 35	9 40
Tues 24	1 13	9 19
Wed 25	1 51	8 58
Thurs 26	2 29	8 37
Fri 27	3 07	8 16
Sat 28	3 45	7 55
Sun 29	4 23	7 34
Mon 30	5 01	7 13
Tues 31	5 39	6 52

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MONGOL DISPUTE.

JAPANESE CLASH WITH
CHINESE.

SHOTS FIRED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A message from Mukden states
that trouble broke out between
Chinese and Japanese last night
owing to the Chinese police firing
thirty shots on 80 Japanese soldiers
engaged in practice in the railway
zone.

The Japanese charged and sur-
rounded the Chinese police station
and seized two machine guns and
eleven revolvers.

Through the intervention of the
Japanese Consul an amicable set-
tlement was reached this afternoon,
the Chinese apologising and the
Japanese returning the seized
arms.

The Chinese explanation was that
the police mistook the Japanese for
bandits.—Reuter.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

INQUEST INTO DEATHS OF
SEVEN CHINESE.

In the Kowloon Court yesterday
afternoon Mr. E. W. Hamilton (sit-
ting as Coroner) with a jury, con-
ducted an inquiry into the death
of Wong Lee, who with six other
men was killed in a landslide on
March 10, at Shek Li Pui, where
the new Kowloon by-wash reser-
voir is in the course of construction.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, B.Sc., en-
gineer, P.W.D., said that the col-
lapse was caused by a plane of
cleavage behind the piece of earth,
which they thought to be perfect-
ly sound.

Mr. R. McN. Henderson, Assis-
tant Director, P.W.D., agreed with
the opinion.

The jury returned a verdict of
"Accidental Death."

NO DEFAULT.

AUSTRALIA TO PAY HER
DEBTS.

PREMIER'S DECISION.

Sydney, Yesterday.
Mr. Scullin has announced that
there will be no Australian de-
fault on Wednesday, in spite of
the decision of the New South
Wales Premier, Mr. Lang not to
meet interest payments then due,
as learned counsel had advised
him that the Commonwealth is
liable for the interest payments on
state loans.—Reuter.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Per. s.s. St. Albans on March

29:—
Mr. and Mrs. P. Alderton, Miss
N. Alderton, Mrs. I. M. Miller, Mr.
and Mrs. H. S. Benner, Misses K.
and J. Benner, Master R. Benner,
G. Hoves, Mr. and Mrs. G. Porter,
Miss M. N. Clark, Miss E. J.
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cloree.

Per. s.s. President Jackson on

March 30:—
Mrs. G. W. Brophy, Mr. Jose
Caballero, Mr. V. Donnelly, Miss
Alice Houston, Mr. S. D. Iggleaden,
Mr. E. A. La Fortune, Mr. George
A. Malcolm, Miss Perez Rubio, Mrs.
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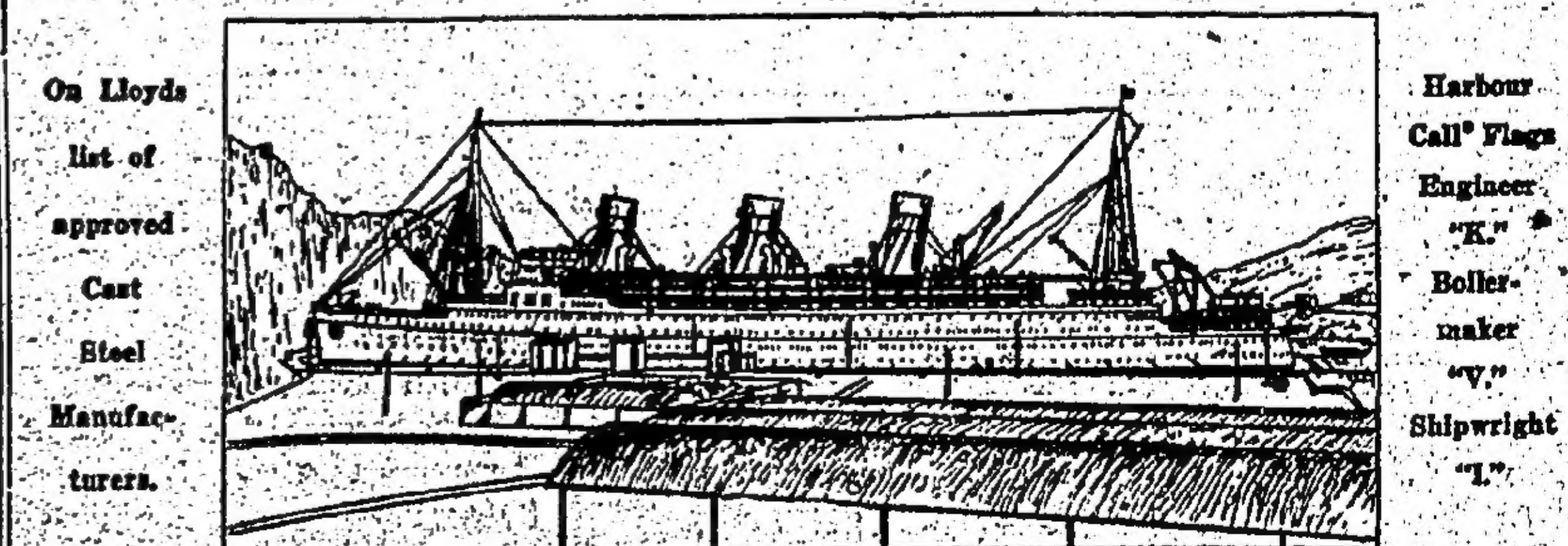
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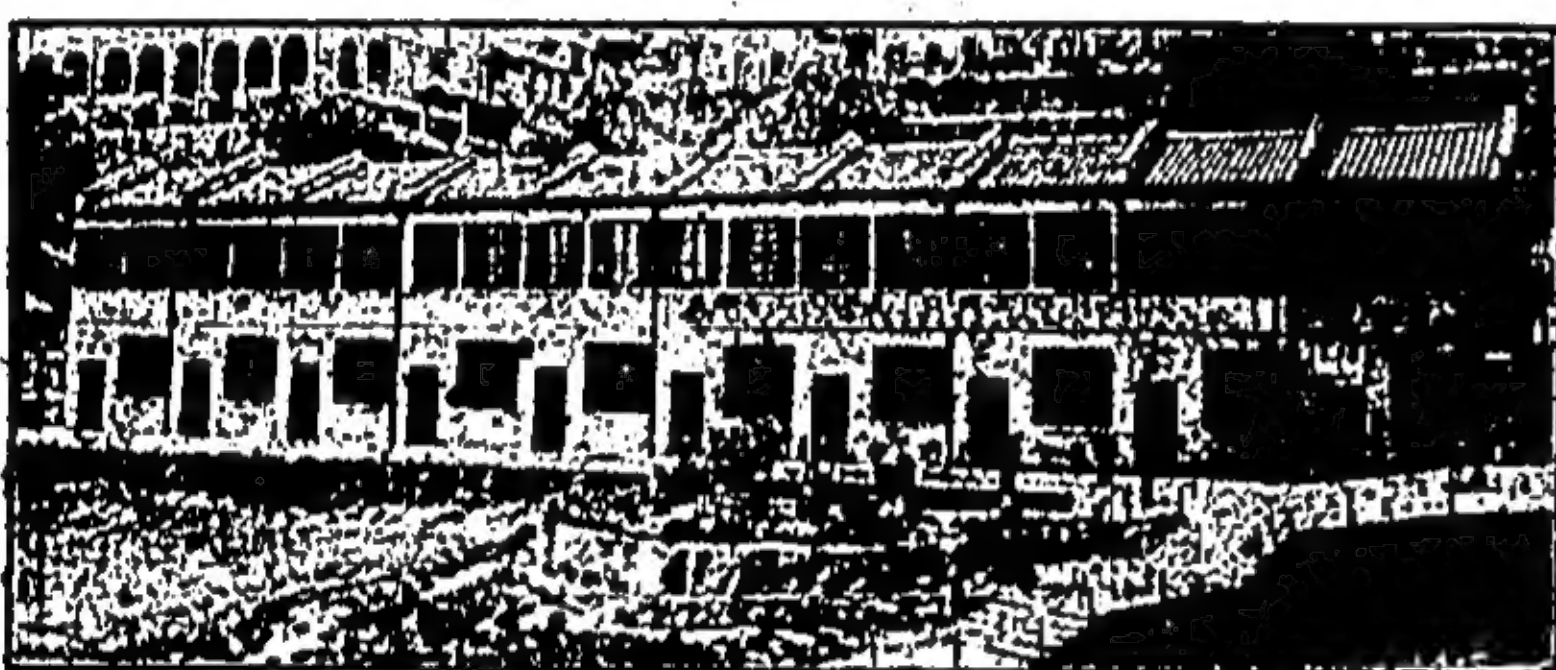
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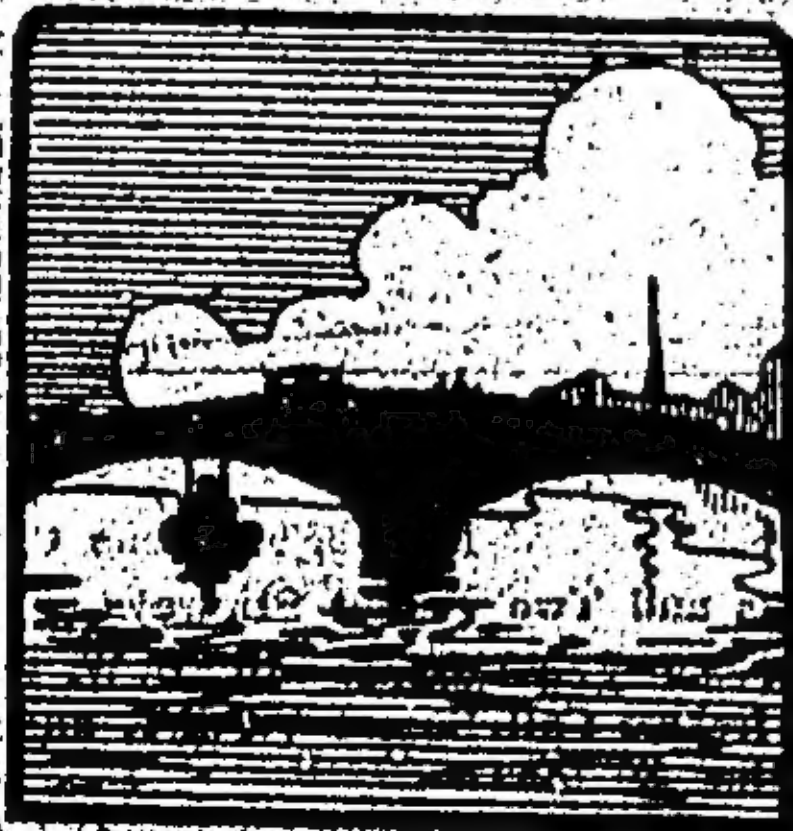
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NAVAL AGREEMENT.

As many members of the Navy League in this Colony may rightly have anticipated, the naval agreement between France and Italy, with the help of Great Britain, did not in mail week elicit a chorus of approval from the Home Press. That there are some good points in that agreement may be conceded. Had there been no agreement it is fairly obvious that there must have been competition, and Mr. Henderson stated that it was information as to the imminence of naval competition that prompted the British Government to intervene so energetically as it did.

Italy could very ill have afforded a naval race with France at this juncture, but she was determined not to let her claim for parity lapse by default. France was not under exactly the same sort of pressure, but had been sufficiently alarmed by the scare over the German "pocket battleship," the *Ersatz Preussen*, to be in a mood to make up all her supposed naval deficiencies.

In the absence of an agreement it appears that both France and Italy would very soon have undertaken programmes of naval construction which would have been understood by the whole world as a struggle for supremacy in the Mediterranean. That would not only have led to general alarm and a disastrous discrediting of the whole movement toward disarmament, but it would, very probably, have compelled Britain to modify the operation of her agreement with the United States.

There would have been a recrudescence in America of the Big Navy party's assertions that the British Admiralty was "diddling" the United States, and the whole atmosphere of international negotiations would have been darkened. The prospects for next year's Disarmament Conference would have been made immeasurably poorer.

As it is, those prospects are none too good. It may not be true—though there is too much reason to believe it—that one of the expedients by which the British Government was able to bring about the Franco-Italian agreement is the complete withdrawal of British opposition to the French demand that trained reservists shall not be counted as soldiers.

But that demand is still insisted upon by France, and, while it is, there can be no real disarmament. Next year's Conference may meet and wrangle over details of how much nominal war strength is to be allotted to this country and that.

So long, however, as everybody knows that behind the nominal strength there is a far greater strength in trained reserves (and probably in other things), the pretence of fixing armament limits, which may afterward be reduced, will remain a hollow sham, inspiring nothing but greater fear and distrust among the nations.

News in Brief.

A woman, Ho Wai-lee (21), residing in Temple Street, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of opium poisoning, from which she died later.

Partaking of a meal of toast, which they mistook for mushrooms, two married women, Wong Chan (63) and Lam Yee (69), both residing in an unnumbered hut at Choi Lam, Tung Cheuk Village, Kowloon City, became ill, and were taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The total eclipse of the moon takes place between 3 and 5 a.m. on Friday. The moon will enter the penumbral shadow of the earth at 1:27 a.m. and the umbral shadow at 2:23 a.m., leaving the umbra at 5:52 a.m. and the penumbra at 6:48 a.m. The total eclipse will begin at 3:22 a.m. and end at 4:53 a.m.

In charging a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, a Chinese detective stated that the accused, a man named "Lau," had been charged with the theft of a watch which he was wearing whilst walking along Queen's Street. According to a report made to the Police by Sanitary Inspector

KING OF SIAM.

ARRIVAL IN COLONY THIS MORNING.

EN ROUTE TO AMERICA.

T. R. H. the King and Queen of Siam arrived in the Colony this morning, aboard the m.s. *Salandia*. The entourage consists of 14 persons, inclusive of T.R.H. Prince and Princess Svasti.

No formal calls were made but Their Majesties were conducted by the Consul for Siam, Mr. J. T. Bagrom, on a tour of the city. The party will leave for Kobe aboard R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* tomorrow, later proceeding to Vancouver and New York, which they expect to reach about the middle of April.

Their Majesties' suite includes: H.S.H. Prince Vipulya Svastiwongs Svastikula, His Majesty's Assistant Private Secretary; H.S.H. Prince Thavaramonkolwongse Javant and Mom Luang General Chao Phya Bijayendra Yodhin, Chief A. D. C. General to H. M. the King;

Captain H.S.H. Prince Prasobri Chirapravatti, His Majesty's A. D. C. (now in America); Phra Noraraj Channong Mom Rajawongs Smak Sman Luang Sakdi Nal-wen Luang Siri Sombatti.

On their return journey, according to present arrangements, they will leave Vancouver homeward bound on Sept. 19.

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ROMANCE OF TRADING.

A romance of industry which might well go to the making of a novel is revealed by the luxurious Anniversary Book published by the well-known Hong Kong business house of Anderson Meyer and Co., Ltd. of China, which celebrates its twenty-fifth birthday to-day. This exceedingly handsome volume, of 250 pages printed on art paper, in addition to a special section, in Chinese, is published in commemoration of the Company's Silver Jubilee. It contains hundreds of drawings and photographs and tells in an interesting manner of the origin and history of the firm and its organisation at the present time, as well as descriptive sketches contributed by some of the manufacturers it represents.

Industrial Awakening.

As the souvenir recounts, the last twenty-five years have witnessed a period of industrial awakening in China, a monarchy has been overthrown and a republic established, and there has been an almost unparalleled progress made both politically and economically during this time. The result of this has been a great development of interest in the modern methods of manufacturing, commerce, transportation, agriculture and in the engineering arts. These various departments of industry all come within the range of Anderson Meyer & Co.'s activities, and the extensive development of this organization since 1906 has contributed to some extent to the increase in demand for modern equipment in China to-day.

The frontispiece shows a picture of Mr. Wilhelm Meyer, and there is a congratulatory letter from H. E. Mr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry of the National Government of China.

It is interesting to recall that the Company established its Hong Kong branch in 1917 and the Canton branch in 1920. The Company's largest undertakings in this part of the world have been in connection with the Kwangtung Electric Supply Company, which lights Canton. It has also supplied X-ray installations to a number of hospitals in South China and locomotives for the Canton and Yunnan railways. The Sun Yat-sen auditorium and the Chukiang Bridge at Canton are two notable construction contracts of recent years. The bridge is not yet completed. The Company is also supplying a steel water tower for the Tungshan waterworks. Filtration plants for sundry factories, refrigerators, spinning machinery, road machinery, mining and agricultural machinery all carry the Anderson Meyer mark in many parts of Hong Kong and South China.

The Company's book and its history generally earn for it hearty congratulations and good wishes upon this twenty-fifth birthday.

SUICIDE?

"I GO TO JUMP INTO THE SEA."

MYSTERIOUS NOTE.

Mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of Fung Lee, a scavenger foreman of the Sanitary Department, who is believed to have been drowned. According to a report made to the Police by Sanitary Inspector

CHINA PROVIDENT COMPANY.

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explained, but it remains for me to add that the Company's godown properties have been efficiently maintained entirely out of revenue.

In July last year the Board sought and obtained the authority of the shareholders for an increase in the Company's authorised capital by the creation of 300,000 new shares of \$5 each of which 294,769 shares of \$2.50 paid up were offered and taken up by shareholders and the underwriters of the issue. The proceeds of this issue together with the sum realised from the liquidation of loans were applied towards repayment of the overdraft with our Bankers which a year ago stood at almost \$9 lakhs, but has now entirely disappeared. The Balance Sheet before you records a credit balance with our Bankers for the first time in several years.

We have considered it advisable to show the adjustments made in our Reserve Account by including in the published account a statement in detail in which there is only the items of underwriting commission \$23,507.73 to which special reference need be made. This sum might quite reasonably have been spread over a number of years, but your Board decided to extinguish the charge completely in the accounts for 1930. You will remember, this Reserve Account was created at the time when the Company's finances were reorganised, and it has naturally been a fluctuating account since; as far as can be ascertained there will not be any need to draw on the Reserve Account beyond a sum approximately \$70,000 in further liquidation of loans, thus leaving the eventual balance of the Reserve Account at the substantial figure of \$600,000.

Gentlemen, as to our prospects for the present year, beyond stating that the first three months have been encouraging, it is impossible to forecast likely storage business, having in mind its close connection with exchange which seems to be the factor determining the volume and freedom of imports.

Chinese Dwellings. Your Board is considering the development of some of our properties as Chinese dwellings which promises to give a return more commensurate with the admitted values of property at West Point. The business of loans on produce which, from lack of funds could not be considered before, will engage the attention of the Board this year, and it is expected to capture some of the business which now goes to competitive concerns granting this facility.

Gentlemen, the dividend which the Directors propose is small, but it is the first distribution made in 5 years, and we trust it will meet with your approval.

I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year 1930 as presented to you, and the proposed distribution of profits, namely the payment of a dividend of 10 cents per share on the fully paid up shares and of 1 1/4 cents per share on the partly paid up shares, be adopted and passed.

I would ask a shareholder to be good enough to second this proposal, after which I shall be glad to explain any matter having reference to the Report and Accounts on which you may desire information. Mr. de Figueiredo seconded, and after the Chairman had replied to Mr. Morley's questions, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Other Business. The appointment of Mr. Li Tsao-fong to the Board of Directors vice Mr. J. H. Taggart (resigned), and the re-election of Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and N. V. A. Croucher as Directors were approved by the meeting on the proposal of Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Soares. Messrs. Linstead and Davies, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors at the remuneration of \$1,250 each, on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Churn. The meeting terminated with the announcement by the Chairman that dividend warrants would be ready for issue on April 8.

Test plots of sugar beets grown in various parts of Manitoba during 1930 showed an average sugar content of 17.1 per cent and an average yield of 13.8 tons per acre. Both are higher than the average of the United States.

G. Roylance, Fung, resided at the Blind Home, Ma Tau Wai, and failed to turn up to work, he having left home at 4.30 yesterday morning for that purpose. However, later in the day, a note, presumed to have been written by Fung, was found in his premises. It read: "I go to the Municipal Council of Shanghai and the the sea and die this morning." A vigilant search was carried out, but without result.

ST. GEORGE'S.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL SOCIETY.

PAID OFFICIALS.

The annual general meeting of St. George's Society was held last evening in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., under the chairmanship of Mr. T. E. Pearce (President), who was supported by Mr. E. Cock (President-elect), Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Past Presidents), Sir William Hornell, and Messrs. W. A. Cornell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, C. Bulmer Johnson, F. J. Shorwell, T. H. King, F. C. Hall, G. A. L. Plummer (Hon. Treasurer), and P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Secretary).

The large gathering of members present included, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (Past Presidents) and the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The Chairman said:—The applications for financial assistance, few in number, I am glad to say, were carefully scrutinised by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The ceremony at the Constatp on St. George's Day was well attended. This ceremony takes but a few minutes, and I would urge all members, who conveniently can, to turn up and support the President and committee on future occasions.

In addition to the lamented death of Mr. P. W. Blackwell, I have to regretfully report the death of another of our members, Mr. G. H. Arnold, which took place whilst proceeding on home leave last year.

I would take this opportunity of putting on record the Society's thanks to the Officer Commanding the 1st Somerset Light Infantry for the Concert put up by the Band and Bugles of that Regiment on the Cricket Ground on St. George's Day. Also our grateful thanks to the artists for their assistance at the evening concert in the Lee Theatre, and to the ladies who assisted by distributing cigarettes on that evening.

Your Committee have decided, for the sake of continuity, to arrange for and appoint a paid Treasurer and Secretary, and your confirmation of this step will be asked for at the Special General Meeting which follows this one.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies are prepared to undertake the duties, and to meet the cost it is proposed to increase the subscription from \$2 to \$3 per annum, and to debit the Ball Account with a portion of the sum required.

Members will observe with satisfaction the final figures of the 1930 Ball, there being a surplus on the right side of no less than \$283.40. I am pleased to be able to report the 1931 Ball will also show a surplus of \$300 to \$400.

The Report Was Adopted Officers. The following officers were then elected:—President—Mr. E. Cock; Vice-President—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; Hon. Secretary (pro tem)—Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer (pro tem)—Mr. C. A. L. Plummer; Committee—Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Cornell, V. M. Grayburn, F. C. Hall, Sir William Hornell, C. Bulmer Johnson, V. C. Labrum, T. J. Shorwell, E. F. Aucott, J. Bentley, G. E. Mitchell and A. B. Raworth.

Upon Mr. E. Cock taking the chair, he proposed that for the annual celebration of St. George's Day, the Society endeavour to have the same arrangements as in the past.—Carried.

FATAL TRIAL.

EDITOR DIES OF HEART FAILURE.

ACQUITTED OF CHARGES.

Paris, Yesterday. Two days after his acquittal on charges of fraud and abuse of confidence, M. Pierre Audibert, late Editor of Madame Hanau's Gazette du France, died from heart failure.—Reuter.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of March 31, 1921.

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/4%.

With the departure for Home to-day, on retirement, of the Hon. Mr. John Johnston, the head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., the Far East loses one of its best known business men and keenest sportsmen. Mr. Johnston, who has been in the Far East for more than twenty years, has sat on the Municipal Council of Shanghai and the Legislative Council of Hong Kong. A vigilant search was carried out, but without result.



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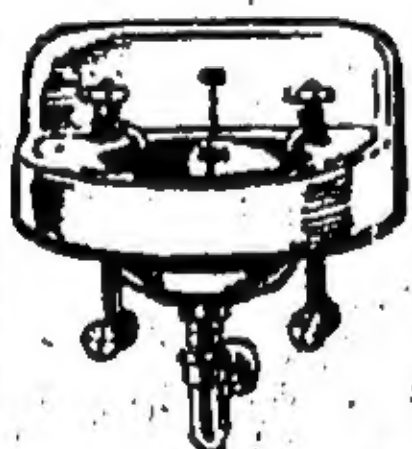
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"HIGH-CLASS PICTURES in restful, colourful surroundings," must have been the motto adopted by the proprietors of the new King's Theatre when considering their scheme of interior decoration. Their success, judged by a preliminary view of the theatre, has been notable.



Arts & Crafts, Limited, who executed the whole of the interior work, have introduced a note new to the Colony. The whole effect of the decoration, in the Futuristic manner, is one of brightness, tempered by a most restful harmony of tones.

There is not a trace of garishness, and the scheme is original without being freakish. Particularly ingenious is the method of concealing the lighting at the cornice, lighting which is supplemented by a huge, and really beautiful lamp of bronze. All the electrical installation being completed by the General Electric Co. of China Ltd.

The ceiling itself is of celotex panels, which are sound absorbing. It is ornamented with a design in plaster apparently modelled upon the conventional Chinese dragon, which is perforated for the inlet of air. The colours, green, gold, and orange, predominate throughout the whole of the interior scheme, the seats in the dress circle being upholstered in keeping. Even the walls of the building, which are rough plastered, carry out the colour design.

Overlaid Flooring.

It will come as good news to the tired business man, who knows only too well the tiring effect of Hong Kong's sidewalks during the summer season, to learn that the floors and steps in the new building are overlaid with rubber, supplied by the Dunlop Rubber Company. The effect of which must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

But it may be said that it contributes in no small measure to the sense of rest and comfort that is so gratifying a feature of the theatre. Indeed, the owners are to be congratulated for their forethought in this matter, and also for the provision of sufficient leg-room between the rows of seats as to make a visit a pleasure and not an ordeal.

The Rubber flooring was laid by Lee Yue & Co., who supplied the tiling for the floors, and were also responsible for the Sanitary arrangements.

Orient's Finest.

The proscenium opening, crested with fibrous plaster work, with concealed lighting, is probably one of the finest in the Far East.

It is estimated that the stalls and dress circle will accommodate 1,200 people. Fire exits have been the subject of particular study, and the Fire Brigade authorities calculate

that the whole of the auditorium can be emptied in two minutes.

The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., have installed the usual Merryweather Fire Service and Alarm Gong System consisting of an electric-driven water pressure augmentor connected to 3 rising mains, running right through the building at strategic points, each main fitted on each floor with component hydrant valves, hose box, couplings, and nozzles.

They have also fitted on the stage and dressing rooms an automatic sprinkler installation consisting of patent sprinkler heads connected to water piping on the ceiling.

Fire Protection.

In the event of a fire, the fusible metal in the sprinkler head would melt, thus releasing the water, which would automatically quench the outbreak. An extremely powerful water gong is automatically operated at the same time thus warning all the attendants.

They have also installed a Merryweather asbestos safety curtain similar to the curtains installed in all the leading theatres in Europe and America. This is the first safety curtain in the Colony, and the Fire Brigade authorities have given instructions that, following home practice, it must be raised and lowered at every performance.

Hong Kong's summer, with its days of stifling heat, will soon be upon us. It is worth bearing in mind, therefore, that one will always be able to go into the King's to keep cool.

Air Conditioning System.

The air conditioning system was designed and is being installed by York Shipley Incorporated, Shanghai, who are represented in Hong Kong by the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd.

The system consists of a refrigerating plant, an air washer, and a set of duct works for distributing the conditioned air to the audience.

The plant has a capacity of over one hundred tons of refrigeration; the air being purified, cooled and dehumidified at the same time. A fan blows the conditioned air from the air washer to various corners of the theatre through a set of air ducts, and an opening is provided under each seat, so that every person will receive the same amount of air and the same degree of cooling and comfort.

The temperature difference between outside and inside, during the hottest days of summer, will be about 15 degrees, so that anybody going into the theatre will feel cool but not chilled. The moisture contents of the conditioned air will be much lowered. The relative

humidity inside will be about 50 to 55 per cent.

Health and Comfort.

As the contractors, York Shipley Incorporated, have obtained many successful results in air conditioning systems in Shanghai and Canton, it may be expected that this theatre will give a new contribution to health and comfort for the people of Hong Kong.

The films to be shown will be the pick of the Paramount productions. Opening with Monte Carlo and later, a play for the children, Tom Sawyer, with Jackie Coogan. Projection, and sound reproduction systems are by the Western Electric Company; systems which have been successful the world over. The lighting effects, incidentally, are by the same firm. It is stated that the projection machines are the latest type, super simplex, and the first of their kind to be used in the Far East.

Colourful Building.

In the entrance lobby, everything has been done to simplify access to the theatre itself. The light-hand staircase will be for use of dress circle patrons, those going into the back stalls taking the left-hand staircase. The front stalls have an entrance in D'Aguiar Street.

By this time, the general public will have had an opportunity to see the exterior design and illuminations for themselves. It is in keeping with what is undoubtedly one of the most comfortable, colourful and restful cinema houses in the East, which was built by the well-known contractor, Hang Sun, who has erected many other notable buildings in the Colony, including the famous Chinese play-house, the Ko Shing Theatre. The glass work was in the capable hands of the Colony's glass manufacturers, Messrs. R. Corney & Co.

Lift Installation.

The office entrance to the higher floors is from Wyndham Street and Waygood Otis Lifts installed by Dodwell & Co., Ltd. offer rapid conveyance to the higher floors.

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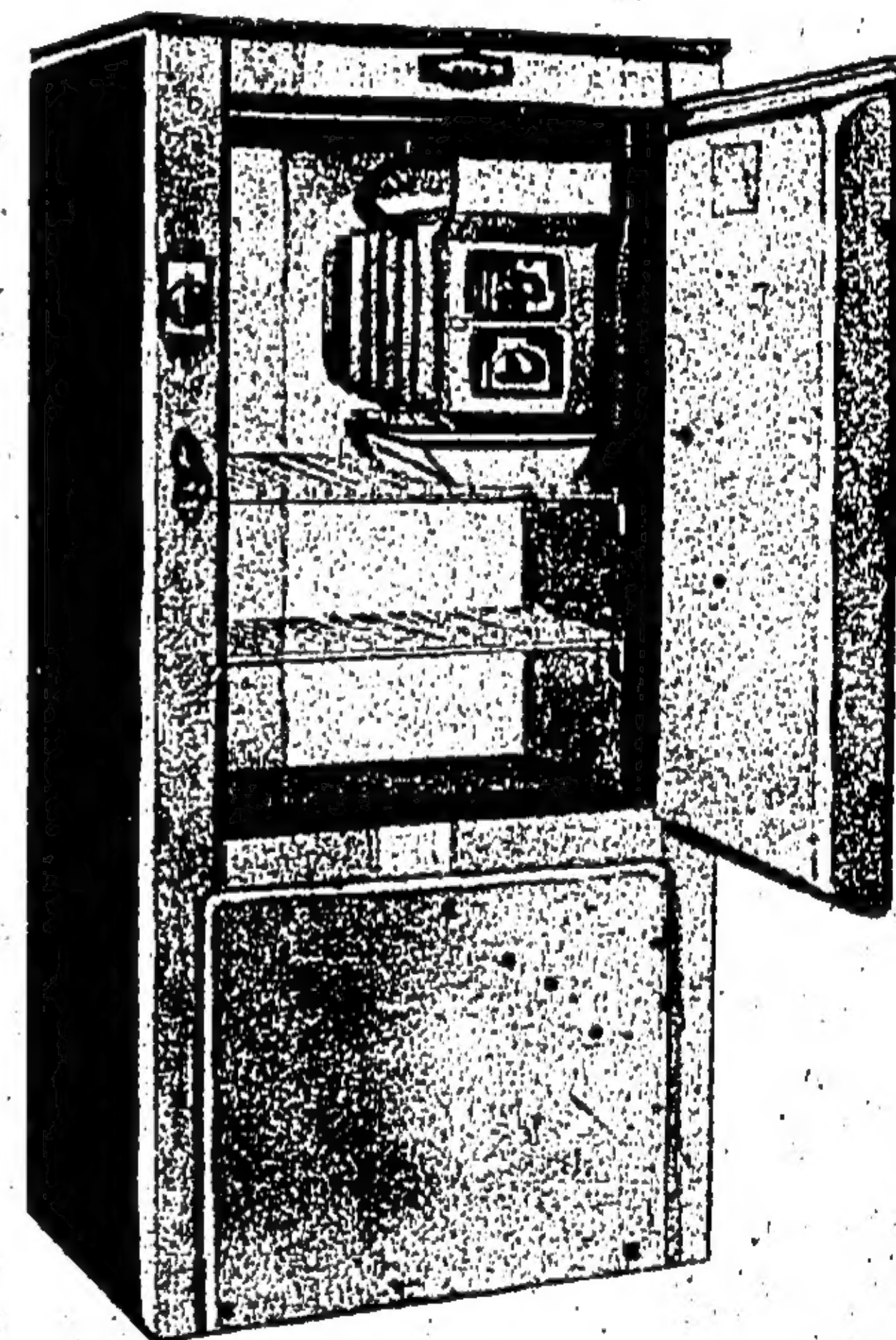
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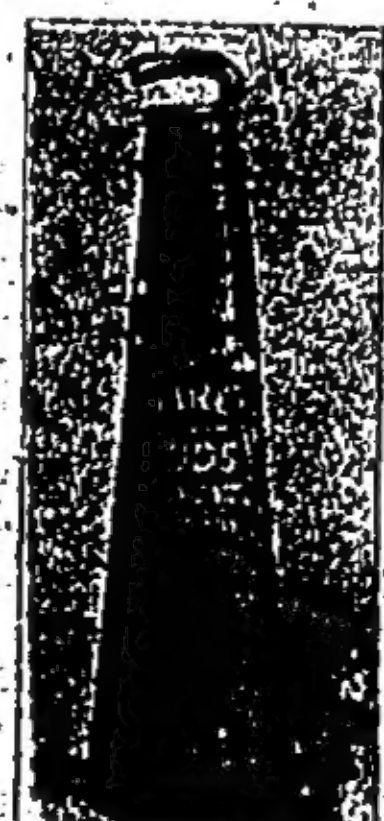
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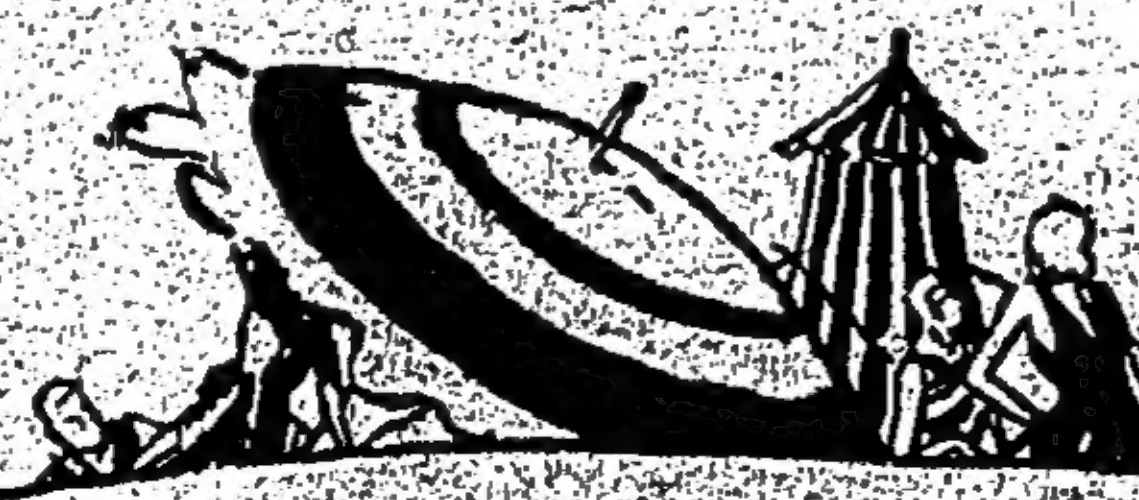
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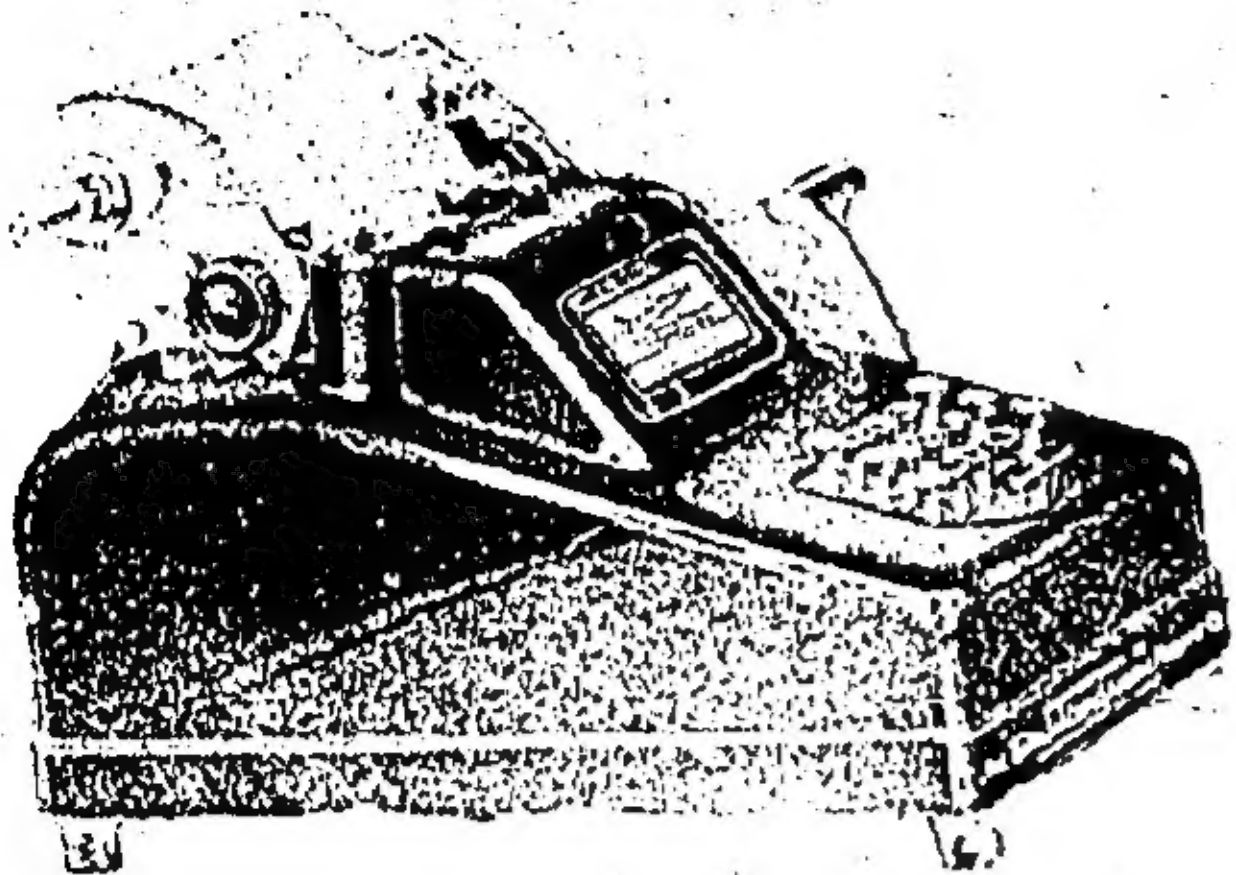
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Jeanette Macdonald, born in the Quaker City of Philadelphia in 1907, brought to Broadway, youth, beauty, and a lovely voice. Then Paramount gave her a voice test, her success as Queen Louise in "The Love Parade" made Talkie history. Lubitsch has given the magic touch that has made this pretty girl blossom into a beautiful artist. "Monte Carlo" allows her full scope for her singing, and it is a part after her own heart.

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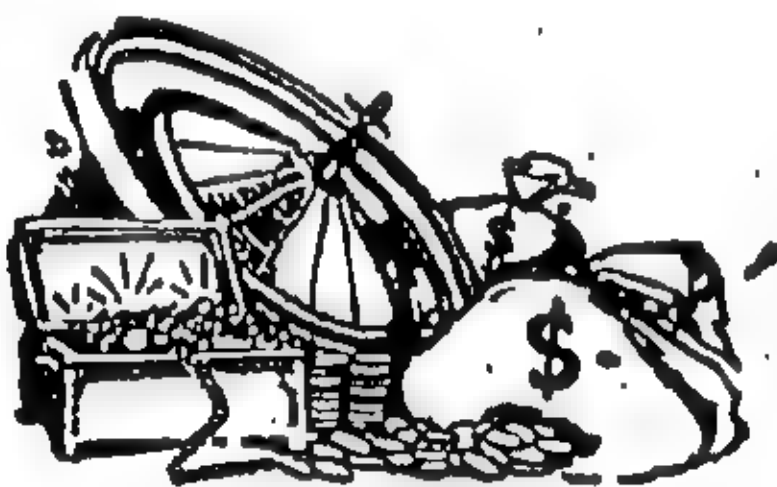
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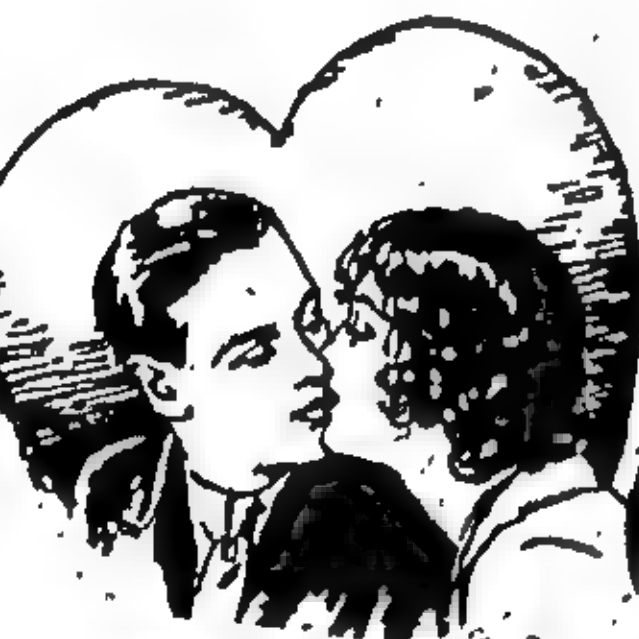
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Sport Columns

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Motherwell's Bid for
Championship.

BIG WIN OVER FALKIRK.

In the First Division of the
Scottish League yesterday Mother-
well engaged Falkirk and had a
run-away victory by a margin of
five goals.

Result as cable by Reuters:—
Motherwell 6 Falkirk 1

REVISED TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	34	23	6	5	98	39	52
Rangers	32	22	6	5	80	25	49
Celtic	32	20	8	4	89	31	48
Partick	33	21	3	9	67	40	45
Hearts	34	17	5	12	82	59	39
Dundee	34	17	4	13	63	54	38
Airdrie	33	16	4	13	52	56	36
Hamilton	34	15	5	14	53	50	35
Aberdeen	35	14	7	14	67	61	35
Clyde	34	15	4	15	58	71	34
Cowdenbeath	33	14	6	13	40	56	34
St. Mirren	32	11	7	14	48	56	29
Kilmarnock	33	12	5	16	49	57	29
Morton	33	11	6	16	64	71	28
Falkirk	33	12	3	18	67	78	27
Queen's Pk.	32	10	6	16	57	63	26
Hibernians	34	7	10	17	40	77	24
Leith	34	8	6	20	46	74	22
Ayr	32	5	10	17	42	81	20
East Fife	33	5	4	24	34	106	14

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Motherwell	52	60
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Partick	45	56
Hearts	39	47
Dundee	38	46
Hamilton	34	43
Airdrie	36	46
Aberdeen	35	41
Cowdenbeath	34	44
Clyde	34	44
St. Mirren	29	41
Morton	28	38
Kilmarnock	29	39
Queen's Park	26	38
Falkirk	27	37
Leith	24	32
Hibernians	22	30
Ayr	20	32
East Fife	14	24

FRANCE'S RUGBY TROUBLE.

Revelations of a Paris
Editor.

ADVERTISEMENT TEAMS.

Paris, March 6.

The searchlight of the most
powerful sporting newspaper in
France, "L'Auto," has now been
turned on to the dark side of
French Rugby, with astonishing re-
sults. An article written by
"L'Auto's" editor, M. Henri
Destrange, reveals how green-
grocers, hat makers, and others
"run" some of France's most pro-
minent "amateur" clubs as an ad-
vertising medium, paying the
players ostensibly for positions on
the greenery staff or in the
hat-making shop.

The "amateur" champions of
1929 and 1930, says M. Destrange,
were both subsidised by trades-
men. Quillan, the 1929 champions,
were really part of a hat manufac-
turer's business, and they made
him a very powerful advertisement.
His method was to collect the star
players of all the clubs within the
"region" (a defined Rugby district
similar to those in the English
county championship) and to give
them positions in his factory pro-
vided they played for Quillan. The
players, of course, brought him a
large clientele.

A greengrocer's team won the
1930 championship with Agen. He
was their "patron," and openly
boasted of having spent over
£1,000 in five months on boosting
Agen in what he called a "Rugby
campaign." Whether the team
were supplied with free potatoes
and greens is not mentioned.

The most recent example of the
lack of spirit of sportsmanship is
quoted in connection with the Irish
match with France, in which
Porra, the Lyons hooker, was
selected although he belonged to a
"rebel" club. Porra, however, was
made to promise that he would re-
sign and join an affiliated club.
He resigned and gained his first
international cap, but the day after
the international against Ireland
he announced that he had decided
to stick to the rebel club. "This,
however, is not all," says M.
Destrange. "As soon as he had
been received back into the rebel
fold, Agen made eyes at him, or
he made eyes at Agen, and I have
been told of a sum of £400 paid for
a railway fare from Lyons to Agen,
a distance of less than 200 miles.
But that may be exaggerated."

The editor concludes with the
announcement that a member of
the Federation's disciplinary com-
mittee will resign if these matters
are pushed up and are not made
the subject of an inquiry. Press
Association Foreign Special.

ARSENAL TAKE OVER CLAPTON ORIENT.

Bold Stroke to Save
A Neighbour.

NOBLE ACTION.

London, March 7.
Clapton Orient Football Club,
who are in the Southern Section of
League III, have been brought up
by the Arsenal, the First Division
club.

I understand that the Arsenal
club have taken over all the
liabilities and obligations of Clapton
Orient, and will thus be in full
control of the Third Division club,
writes an Evening Standard
Special Correspondent.

It is a bold stroke in an effort to
keep alive a neighbour who has
fallen upon hard times.

The action has no parallel that
I can call to mind, though there
was a time when Sir Henry Norris
(then Mr. Norris) and Mr. W. Hall,
while directors of Fulham, stepped
into the breach at Plumstead with
the idea of saving the Woolwich
Arsenal Club as it was then.

Sir H. Norris and Mr. Hall after-
wards resigned their connection
with Fulham and concentrated on
the position at Plumstead. Success
was not gained, however, until the
club moved to North London.

Doomed to Collapse.

Now comes a noble step by Ar-
senal to save a club which seemed
doomed to collapse unless assist-
ance dropped from the clouds.
There is no Football League rule to
forbid such a step, but, of course,
the League Management Commit-
tee, like the council of the Foot-
ball Association, have almost un-
limited powers, and little can be
done without sanction. The per-
mission of the League and of the
Football Association has to be ob-
tained even for trifling affairs.

There is little doubt, however,
but that a broad view will be taken
of this matter. It is not a selfish
project for the enrichment of Ar-
senal; it is an act which will en-
able Clapton Orient to carry out
the season's programme and will
ensure all creditors having their
just demands met. Incidentally
the Third Division programme will
be fulfilled according to schedule.
It would have been most unfor-
tunate for any breakdown to oc-
cur in the last two months of the
season.

Deliverance.

It was only last month that the
Evening Standard pointed out how
rapidly the affairs of Clapton
Orient were approaching a crisis.
Since they moved to their new
ground at Lea Bridge Speedway,
E., the club's revenue from "gates"
has been insufficient to meet ex-
penditure; and at the end of last
season the position was such that
players then signed on agreed to
let their summer wages stand over
until this season had begun and
money started to come in again.

Players have even had to buy
meals on journeys to away
matches, while some of the direc-
tors have contributed freely to the
club funds with little hope of
seeing their money again.

Now, when the club were facing
the possibility of closing their
gates permanently, deliverance has
come from an unexpected quarter.

With such a burden of respon-
sibility the Arsenal, of course,
have taken steps to safeguard their
position by appointing officials to
represent not only their financial
interests but their football in-
terests.

Prospect.

While, no doubt, the clubs will
be run as entirely separate con-
cerns, young players in the Clapton
Orient team will always have
before them the prospect of "pro-
motion" by transfer to the senior
club.

Orient, before to-day's match
with Brighton, had played 28
games and scored 25 points. They
were bracketed equal fourth from
the bottom of the League table
with Walsall, but the Staffordshire
club had played three more games.
Below Orient in the table were
Thames (with 24 points), Norwich
(20 points), and Newport (19
points).

This is the club's first season
at the Lea Bridge Speedway
ground. Before they played at
Millsfield Road, Homerton, E.
Several games this season, how-
ever, had to be played at Wembley
Stadium because the Football
League ordered alterations to be
made to the Lea Bridge "playing
pitch."

I would not go so far as to say
that America's success in sport is
due to their being "dry," but I do
consider that our younger profes-
sionals, who have their game still
to build, would do well to follow
the example of many of the lead-
ing American players, who neither
drink nor smoke. Archie Comp-
ston.

E.-C. FINCHER BEATS T. HONDA.

Japanese Player is
Outplayed.

"TEDDY'S" TITLE?

On the stand court yesterday
afternoon in the H.K.C.C. lawn
tennis tournament E. C. Fincher
defeated T. Honda, the holder of
the Open Singles Championship, by
3-6, 6-1, 6-1, after an exhibition
which did not come up to expecta-
tions. Fincher is to be con-
gratulated on his meritorious suc-
cess, which was made more wel-
come by the fact that he was
beaten by the Japanese player in
last year's final of the Men's
Singles.

In the first set it was apparent
that Honda was winning points
more on his reputation than on
good play. Fincher seemed un-
able to cast off the inferiority com-
plex, and his play suffered as a
result. He was content to play
Honda's own game and seldom
showed the slightest signs of ag-
gression. The loss of the first
set, however, was the result of a
remarkable change in his tactics.
He attacked Honda continuously
with deep drives and approaches
to the net, which proved so dis-
concerting to the champion that
he was forced to relinquish his
advantage at 6-1.

The third set opened with
Honda looking worried at his in-
ability to find his usual driving
length. He was clearly flustered
and allowed several opportunities
of scoring to slip through bad tim-
ing. His approaches to the net
were well-judged, but he failed to
carry conviction with his place-
ments. Fincher never allowed
him a point without striving to
make a return and his versatility
on the base line earned him ap-
plause on occasion. Adopting his
chop stroke with an occasional
forehand drive Fincher carried all
before him after the third
game, his shortening of length
though very fortunate once
or twice, completely outpositioning
the champion.

Unexpected as his victory might
have been, Fincher was not at all
flattered by his easy triumph. He
was full value for his success.

Full results of yesterday's
matches were:—

Open Singles.

E. C. Fincher beat T. Honda 3-6,

6-1, 6-1.

L. Goldman beat G. Lal 6-2, 6-3.

Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan beat H. Owen

Hughes 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A".

A. B. Raworth (ove 4-6) beat

W. M. Barton (rec. 3/6) 5-7, 6-2,

7-5.

U.S. BASEBALL TEAMS IN JAPAN.

INVADERS WIN.

Tokyo, Mar. 22.

Two American baseball teams,
now invading Japan, were victori-
ous to-day. In Osaka, the Los
Angeles club defeated the Hoya
club, one of the strongest amateur
baseball teams in Japan, by a score
of 3 to 1.

In Tokyo, the Alameda baseball
team triumphed over the Shundai
club, by 6 to 2.—United Press.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—

H.K.C.C. Tournament.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow—St.

Paul's College Sports, Caroline

Hill, 1 p.m.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing

Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15

p.m.

GOLF—Thursday—Entries close

for Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fan-

ling.

Sunday—Shanghai Visitors'

Cup, Fanning; Open Foursomes,

Kowloon.

FOOTBALL—Thursday—United

Services, Finals: Junior—H.M.S.

Bridgewater v. H.M.S. Bruce, 8

p.m. Senior—H.M.S. Hermes v.

H.M.S. Medway, 4.40 p.m.

Saturday—Senior Shield—South

China A.A. v. Borderers; Junior

Shield—H.K.F.C. v. Navy; League

I.—Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon

F.C. Club de Recoile v. Argylls;

League II.—St. Joseph's v. East-

ern F.C.; University v. Argylls;

League III.—Fukien v. R.E.

RIFLE SHOOTING—Friday

and Saturday—Volunteer Corps

Rifle Meeting, Stonecutters.

HOCKEY—Saturday—Caoz

Clark Cup—Hong Kong Ladies'

Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls'

School.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday

Club v. Army, Sookunpo; 3

p.m.

April 18—Sunday—Herald

Charity Cup Final—Scotland v.

China.

RACING—Saturday and Mon-

day—Second Extra Race Meeting,

Happy Valley, 12.30 p.m.

April 18—Third Extra Race

Meeting, Happy Valley.

CRICKET—Saturday—Civil

Services C.C. v. R.A.F. Indian R.O.

& Diocesan Boys' School.

CHESS—April 7—Open Chess

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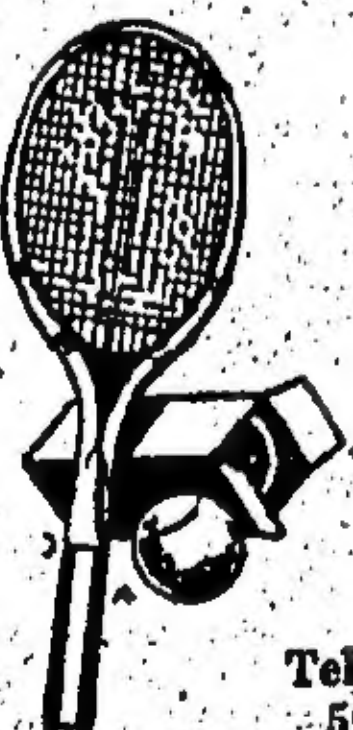
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as Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce there, as a member of the Union of Chinese Associations of Great Britain and Ireland; and on the Board of Committee of the China Society of which Sir Denison Ross is Chairman, and Sir James Lockhart, the last Governor of Wei-hai-wei, a co-member of the Committee.

Mr. Ma Ying-pu, his father, besides being founder and managing director of Sincere's, is a member of the Committee of Chungshan Model District on which body Mr. Sun Foo, General Chan Ming-shu, and Governor Tong Siu-ye of Chungshan, also serve. He was a life-long friend of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and also holds office as managing director of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

It is not through favouritism as son of his father that Mr. Ma Man-fai has attained his high position with Sincere's at the age of under 30 years. Mr. Cheng Pui-shut, his father's private secretary, told me that young Ma started from the very bottom as an office boy. Sheer ability, which was soon apparent to his superiors, gained rapid promotion for him almost to the top of the ladder at an age when others are just starting to carve out their career.

When I met him last week, Mr. Ma, whose position, I was told, is that of Sub-Manager of the Head Office in Hong Kong, was actually acting for his father during the latter's absence from the Colony. He goes to Shanghai on business connected with the Northern branch, this week, and expects to be away about two weeks.

A Charming Lady.

Mrs. Ma Man-fai (formerly Miss Kwok Lai-lin), a charming young lady, is as accomplished and versatile as her husband, and is an ideal helpmate for an ambitious business man such as he is. She is a daughter of the late Mr. Paul Kwok Quai, founder of the Wing On Co., Ltd., who died some years ago after establishing the Shanghai branch. Her uncle is Mr. Philip Gockchin, Chief Manager of Wing On's in Hong Kong, and a director of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd., whilst her brother is manager of the Wing On Cotton Mills, Shanghai.

Little Paul Ma, who is now a bonny boy of over three years, lives with his parents at their pretty family home, 1-3, Breezy Path. Thanks to early training at the hands of a British nurse in London, he is as bright and intelligent as any British boy of the same age. He is very British in his ways, speaks English "like a native," and has an abundance of self-assurance in the presence of strangers such as is seldom found in Chinese children of even double his age.

Surprise Awaiting.

Paul does not know yet that he is a famous little boy whose photo as a baby appeared in numerous newspapers of all the five continents. He will know when he grows older because his parents have got together for him a large book of news clippings, and if this finds a place in it I shall feel

terred. I think little Paul can also lay claim to the distinction of being the most travelled three-years-old Chinese boy. He left England with his parents in June, 1930, crossed the Atlantic in the Europa (in one of her earliest trips after completion); travelled widely in the United States—in New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington and San Francisco, amongst other places—where his father combined business with pleasure by making a close study of department stores in that part of the world; and then sailed across the Pacific to China in the Tatsuta Maru.

—CHIU LAY-TAN.

ANNUAL PARADE OF
POLICE FORCE.Inspection of Men by
H.E. the Governor.

SMART TURN OUT.

The annual inspection of the Police by His Excellency the Governor took place in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon. Over 250 officers and men paraded and it was a very smart turn out and a credit to the force.

The parade included 60 Europeans, 60 Indians, 60 Cantonese, 50 Shantung, 24 Indian, Anti-Piracy Guards and 17 Russian Guards, all under the command of the Hon. Mr. E. D. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police. Other officers on parade were Mr. T. H. King, Deputy P.G.P., Mr. P. H. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., and D. Burlingham, Divisional Superintendents, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. Nawab Khan and Mr. Mohinder Singh, Assistant Superintendents, and Chief Inspector P. Grant.

Upon arrival, His Excellency, who was accompanied by Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., was received with the general salute after which he inspected the parade. The ranks then formed three sides of a hollow square in front of Sir William Peel who distributed medals and certificates and then addressed them as under—

Governor's Speech.

Mr. Wolfe, Officers and men of the Hong Kong Police Force, it gives me the greatest pleasure to come to-day to make this inspection. I and I congratulate you all on the smartness and efficiency of the turnout, and I also congratulate those to whom I have presented medals and certificates, also those to whom I have recommended special commendations for services rendered.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the Government, the Police Force for their excellent work which they have done during the past year. I have been especially impressed by the fine work done by the Criminal Investigation Department. It has been of a very high order. Work of that Department is very important; it is no doubt interesting, but it is often fraught with danger. At the same time, it is necessary for the work of other Departments to be kept up well in order to make the whole machine efficient, and it is necessary for the members of those other branches to do their best with that object in view.

No doubt the members of the Traffic Department may find their work monotonous and somewhat mechanical, but there is no doubt that the work is very important, and on the way it is carried out depends the welfare and safety of the citizens of the Colony. I think I may say that the work is well performed.

Again, as head of the Government, I wish to say how much I appreciate the work that has been done by the Force, and I feel confident that members will maintain that high standard which they have already reached.

THE AWARDS.

The following were the recipients of medals and certificates—

3rd Class Medal.
P.S.C. 346 Shek Tai, for zealous and diligent work in the C.I.D.
4th Class Medal.

Insp. C. F. Alexander, for exceptionally good work while in charge of the Traffic Department during the past five years.

Insp. J. Murphy, for an excellent record of work during 18 years' service and for exceptional ability and zeal during 1930 when he was attached to the S.O.A.

L.S.C. 608 Lo Ki, for excellent work in the C.I.D.

P.S.C. 32 Cheng Pak, for long and faithful service.

P.S.C. 185 Chui Yung, for long and faithful service.

P. S. C. 266 Kwong Po for long and faithful service.

Class II, Eng. 9 Kwok Tsun, for long and faithful service.

Class II, Eng. 57 So Shing-shun, for long and faithful service.

Commendation.

Insp. A. N. Reynolds, Commended by H.E. the Governor—for his excellent handling of Police investigations in connection with a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street on 19.10.30, and which subsequently resulted in the conviction and sentence of two defendants in the Supreme Court on January 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

A.S.I. B. Thorpe, Commended by H.E. the Governor—for excellent and painstaking work while in charge of the Hawkers' Sub-Department.

L.S.C. 558 Chan Pui, Commended by H.E. the Governor—for zealous work as a Detective Officer in Yau-mat District during the past two years.

P.C.C. 595 Lau Tang, Commended by H.E. the Governor—for alertness and vigilance on duty on the occasion of a case of attempted arson which occurred at No. 77 Wing Lok Street on October 19, 1930, in which he effected the arrest of a man who subsequently led to the conviction and sentence of two others in the Supreme Court on January 8, 1931, to three years' hard labour and two years' hard labour respectively.

2nd Class D.W. Medal.

Detective District Watchman 119 Yuen Mun-chuen, for good work during 1930. He joined the District Watchmen Force in 1926 and was awarded a 3rd. Class Medal in 1929. On April 16, 1930 he was commended by Mr. Lindsell, Police Magistrate, for the smart arrest of a pick-pocket.

3rd Class D.W. Medals.

Det. D.W. 105 Fok On, for good work during the year 1930, while engaged in confidential enquiries, at the S.C.A.

D.W. 43 Wan Ming, for the arrest of a robber at Teung Sau Lane on April 25, 1930. The District Watchman saw the robber running away from the scene of the crime, chased and arrested him. The robber tried to deceive the district watchman by stating that he (the robber) was chasing two men who were running ahead of him. At the June Criminal Sessions prisoner was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Bellios Medals.

L.S.B. 107 Lai Singh, awarded the Bellios Medal, Bronze and the reward of \$5 for jumping off Blake Pier and saving the life of Chan Fu who had attempted to commit suicide.

To Kam-wing, Stoker on board the Shamshupo ferry launch Man Tat, awarded the Bronze Medal and \$5 for rescuing from drowning two girls who attempted to commit suicide, by jumping overboard from the launch Man Tat on March 2.

Life Saving Certificate and

Medallion.
L.S.A. 197 Hunter, L.S.A. 69 Simpson, L.S.A. 10 Coleman and L.S.A. 19 Hill.

Award of Merit.

L.S.A. 28 Brand and L.S.A. 154 Harris.

show "Raffles" featuring Ronald Colman, star of "Bulldog Drummond," and Kay Francis. The Star will offer "What a Widow" starring Gloria Swanson, who made her talkie debut in "The Trespasser."

Both theatres are equipped with R.C.A. Phonograph machines, which are the latest.

The World and Star Theatres will benefit by the fact that they have a large selection of pictures to choose from, these being: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Fox, United Artists, Warner Brothers, Pathe, British International Productions, and R.K.O.

The arrangement between the two cinemas is that the talkie films will be shown alternatively, so as to afford film fans of Hong Kong and Kowloon an opportunity to see the films without the trouble of crossing the water.

The prices will be \$1.10, 80 cents and 45 cents (including tax).

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"THE GOLD DIGGERS OF
BROADWAY."

SWIFT METHODS.

Many people slave for years to lay aside a sufficient bank balance to keep them in their old age, but a gold digger believes in swifter methods to feather his nest!

Such is the conclusion which might be reached by the manner in which the charming nugget-gatherers take the coin from their sugar-daddies and butter-and-egg-men in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone 100 per cent. natural colour, singing, talking, dancing comedy special which is now in the Queen's Theatre.

The modern miners in "Gold Diggers of Broadway" appear as members of a Broadway chorus. But through a hilarious series of fast-moving events they prove that many of the petty vices generally attributed to them are not too well grounded.

Nancy Welford, Ann Pennington, Lilyan Tashman, Helen Foster, Winnie Lightner, and Gertrude Short take the roles of the chorus girls in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," while other parts are played by Conway Tearle, Nick Lucas, Albert Gran, William Bakewell and many others. Roy Del Ruth directed from Robert Lord's adaptation of Avery Hopwood's successful footlight farce. The stage presentation is by Larry Coballos. Al Dubin and Joe Burke wrote songs and melodies.

"SAY IT WITH SONGS."

Hollywood is fast replacing Paris as the fashion centre of the world. Dress designers find that the public wants what it sees on the screen. With the films turned out by Hollywood studios playing in every country in the world, the tremendous influences exercised on the theatregoers' taste can easily be imagined.

Stores selling feminine wearing apparel have more and more patrons coming in to ask if they can secure a dress on the style of one worn by some great star. The Marian Nixon Dress, is one of the examples of creations popularized through the screen. Marian Nixon, who plays opposite Al Jolson in "Say It With Songs," the next change in the Queen's, is credited as inspiration for these frocks.

"ALF'S BUTTON."

The immense popularity of the original story of "Alf's Button" coming to the Central Theatre, to-day and the noteworthy success enjoyed by both the stage play and the "silent" film are, of course, well known.

With this background of complete acceptability to the public, the story has tremendously enhanced appeal by reason of the development in film technique and as a result of the greater scope for effectiveness that exists in the talkie. Deliciously humorous in itself, the new "Alf's Button," with its lavish array of artistes supreme in their individual spheres, its rich Cockney characterisations and total absence of anything suggesting the tragic side of war, should enjoy an unparalleled success.

Full justice has been done to the peerless humour of W. A. Darling-ton's famous farce by the wholehearted work of the cast and the virility given to the story by lavish and ambitious production methods. Photography, recording, colouring, and direction are of a quality that make "Alf's Button" the "sound" sensation of the year.

MORE TALKIES.

Installations, At Star And World.

Film fans of the Colony will welcome the news that talkies are to be shown in the Star Theatre and World Theatre, commencing on Saturday, April 4. The World will

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LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.Question on Public
Bathing Beaches.

ACCIDENT RISKS.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., when the following questions will be asked:

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Brago, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question:—
"Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state whether any reduction is contemplated this Summer in the facilities usually afforded to residents in Hong Kong and at Kowloon in the matter of public bathing beaches?"

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Brago, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Has the attention of Government been drawn to a serious motor-car accident happening at Kowloon on the night of March 23 at a point in Waterloo Road close to its junction with Nathan Road, where the road is described as "extremely narrow and not particularly well lighted at night?"
2. With a view to minimising the risk of similar accidents in future, will the Government consider the advisability of improving the public lighting of roadways within the residential areas in Kowloon?

Motions.

The Colonial Secretary will move—That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 4), dated March 19, 1931, be adopted.

The Attorney General to move the second reading of—

"A Bill to amend the law relating to Deportation."

"A Bill to amend further the law relating to Larceny."

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to move the second reading of—

"A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Salesian Society."

EXCHANGES.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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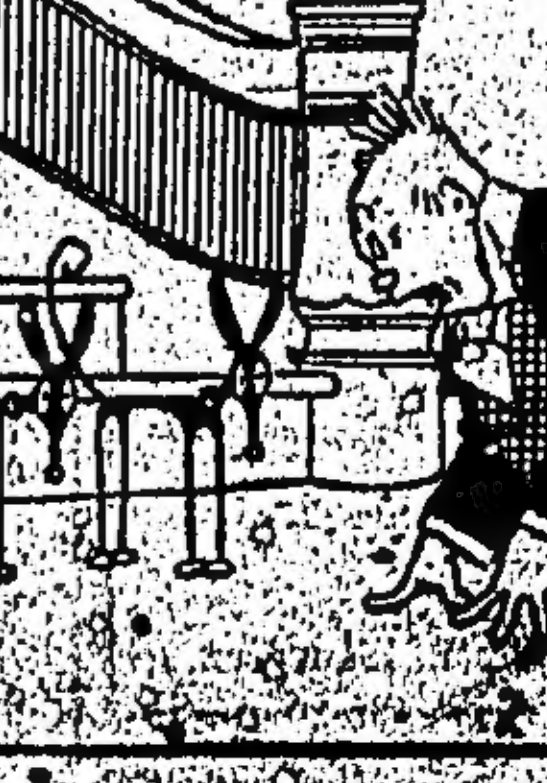
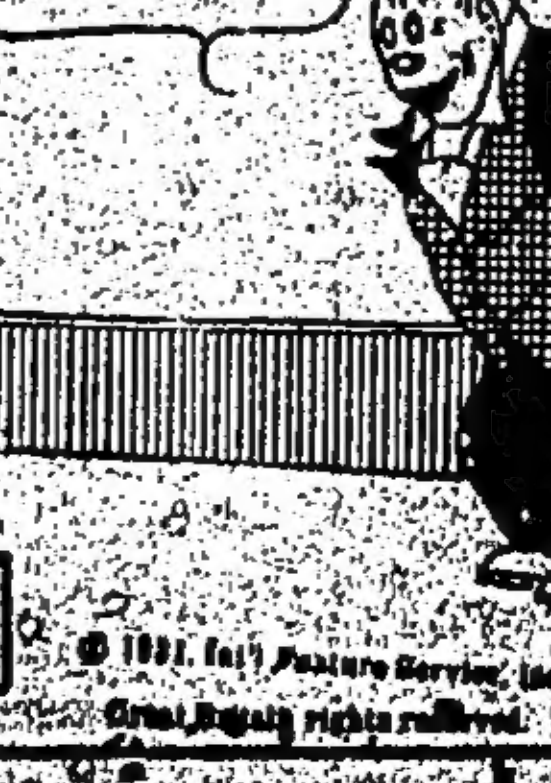
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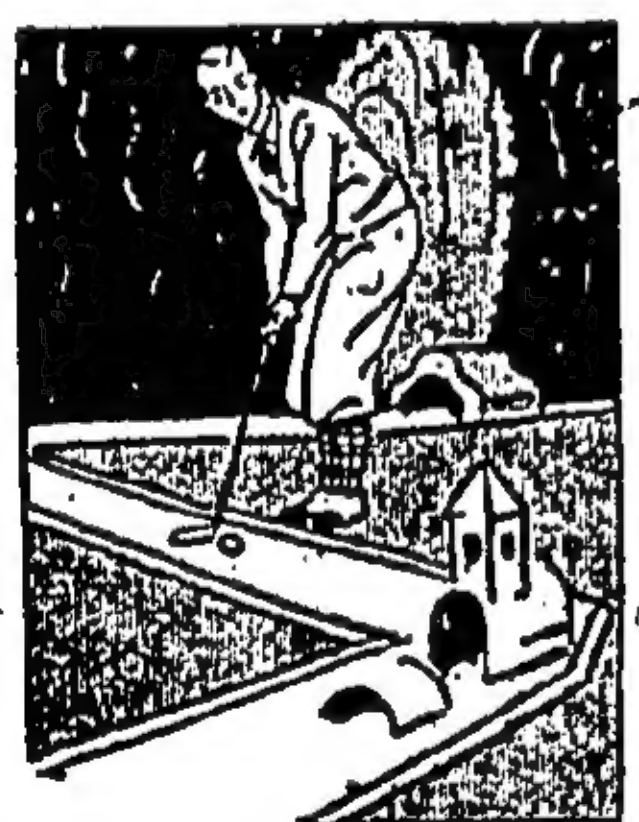
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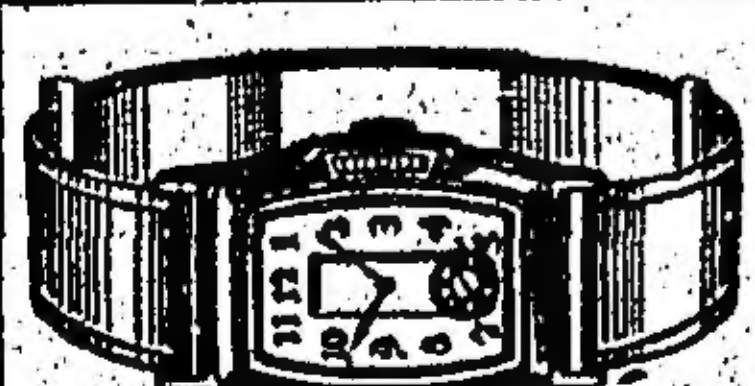


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GLASGOW'S CALL TO
WORLD.Plans for Civic and
Empire Week.
POINTERS FOR VISITORS.

This is a call to people every-
where to visit Glasgow between
May 29 and June 6 next, when the
city will stage its first Civic and
Empire Week. Glasgow has many
interesting and educative subjects
to show to the visitor in its midst,
and this great week will mark the
start of a splendid series of events
in different parts of Scotland.
During Civic and Empire Week
all Glasgow's municipal activities
will be available for inspection.
The huge transport system, which
carries more than ten million pas-
sengers every week, can be seen
in all its ramifications. It is in-
teresting to mention here that more
than one million passengers are
carried every day in the city tram-
cars. These vehicles are electri-
cally heated and richly upholstered
and the citizens can use them
at the rate of a halfpenny for half
a mile, a penny for a mile, three
halfpence for two miles, and 2d.
for any other journey up to 23
miles—the greatest bargain in the
world.

Garden Suburbs.
Tours are being arranged to give
visitors a view of Glasgow's won-
derful garden suburbs which have
sprung up since the end of the war.
Fully 36,000 houses have been
erected by the Corporation while
another 7,000 have been construct-
ed by private firms to whom grants
have been made by the Corporation.
Almost twenty million pounds have
been spent in providing these new
homes which now house a popula-
tion of about 150,000. Opportuni-
ties will be given to visit all the
other undertakings conducted by
the Corporation—the Electricity
Department, which supplies cur-
rent at the average of the pre-war
price; the Gas Department, with its
1,298 miles of mains; the markets,
the public libraries, the Art Gal-
leries and Museums, and many
other ventures which have led to
Glasgow's development and pro-
gression.

Excursions will be arranged to
the Corporation's highland estate
at Ardgool, to its picturesque park
at Balloch by the shores of Loch
Lomond, to Loch Katrine, 34 miles
away, which supplies Glasgow with
its water supply of 75 million
gallons every day, and the far
famed Trossachs, and to the many
beautiful parks and open spaces in
and around the city with their
municipal golf courses, tennis
courts, bowling greens, pitching
and putting courses, and football
and cricket pitches. Each evening
during the week there will be a
special feature will be made of
football played in the metaphorical
style for which Scotsmen are
famous the world over.

These are only some of the events
which will be offered for the enter-
tainments of visitors. There will
be visits to schools, technical col-
leges, and the university, and the
social side of the functions will
not be lost sight of.

Industrial Side.
Glasgow has much to show on
the industrial side. Within its
boundaries practically every item
from a pin to a battleship is man-
ufactured, and from its centre
radiate lines of communication to
every part of the world. The
visitor will see that Glasgow, as a
city and port, has excellent ship-
ping, railway, and transport facili-
ties, and is an ideal centre for in-
dustry and commerce, serving, as it
does, not only Scotland, but Ireland
and the North of England.

The Clyde leads the world in
shipbuilding. That statement is as
true to-day as it was 100 years ago.
New ships aggregating over half a
million tons were launched on the
river during 1930. That tonnage
was equal to one sixth of the total
world output, and exceeded the
combined output of the United
States and Germany. The ship-
building yards on the river will be
available for the inspection of
visitors during Civic and Empire
Week.

Cunard Mammoth.
It will be possible to have a
glimpse of the largest, and what
we hope will be the fastest, liner
in the world gradually taking
shape on the stocks of her builders
at Clydebank. This Cunard mam-
moth of nearly 75,000 tons will be
launched within one mile of the
spot where Henry Bell's Comet, a
midsize of 30 tons but the pioneer
of steam navigation, ran aground
in 1812. Year by year the artifi-
cial channel has been widened and
deepened, and to ensure the
launching and safe passage to the
sea of the new six million pounds
giant, about £80,000 will be spent
on developing the river. Just
about the time of Civic and Empire
Week the new Empress of Britain
will be ready for her maiden voy-
age. This vessel is the largest
built on the Clyde since the war
and she will be the largest and
fastest unit in the Canadian Pacific
fleet. She will endeavour to set up

a new speed record between
Southampton and Quebec, and
there will be a saving of at least
two days in the journey between
London and the Orient when the
new vessel links up with the Em-
press of Japan, another Clyde pro-
duct and the fastest vessel on the
Pacific service. All the manifold
activities of the Port of Glasgow,
which handled 14 million tons of
shipping last year, will be present-
ed to the visitor, the Anchor Line
and other Companies will open
their harbour and steel works and
various factories and establish-
ments may be seen.

Empire Goods Display.
The Kelvin Hall during Civic
and Empire Week will house an in-
teresting exhibition. One third of
the vast floor space, which
measures 22,000 square feet, will
be devoted to a display of goods
from all parts of the British Em-
pire, while over the remainder of
the hall working exhibits, demon-
strative of the industries of Glas-
gow, will be staged.

Glasgow is a wealthy city. Its
million or so citizens possess
376,000 open accounts in the Glas-
gow Savings Bank, with £25,000,
000 to their credit. They have also
purchased twenty-five million
National Savings Certificates re-
presenting a cash investment of
£20,000,000.

The Corporation extends a
heartily welcome to all visitors and
when everything that Glasgow has
to show has been seen, there are
plenty of other interests in centres
adjacent to the city to sustain in-
terest.

The British Open Golf Cham-
pionship, with the finest of the
world's golfers taking part, is to
be held in June at Carnoustie,
which is less than three hours'
journey by rail from Glasgow.

Yachting Contest.
Later in the month a yacht from
the United States will endeavour
to win back from a Glasgow yachts-
man the famous Seawanhaka Cup.
This trophy was secured to the
Clyde two years ago and the chal-
lenge races will take place in the
glorious fifth an hour away from
the city. Then follows the centen-
ary show of the Highland and
Agricultural Society. This will be
held in Edinburgh and H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales will attend. The
Clyde Yachting Fortnight, that
great carnival in which all the big
yachts, including Shamrock V, will
be racing, will be held toward the
end of June. It is possible also
that His Majesty the King, will
visit the Clyde, to open the new
dock at Shieldhall, Glasgow.

These are only the outstanding
events. There will be carnivals
and the usual Highland gatherings
throughout the Summer.

SIXPENNY TIP.

SHE WOUNDED THE ENGINE
DRIVER'S PRIDE.

Mr. John Bromley is now a mem-
ber of Parliament and a trade
union leader, but at one time he
was an engine-driver.
It was of his engine-driving days
that he spoke before the National
Wages Board for the Railways.
"I was standing under the clock
at Paddington, having nothing for
the moment to do," he said.
"A lady came up to me and ask-
ed about a train that was going
out. I went to the end of the plat-
form, showed her the train list, and
told her where to find her train.
"She then offered me sixpence.
"I said, 'No, thank you, lady. If

I have been able to assist you I
am very glad."

"She was very insistent, as
ladies can be, and she followed me
to my engine and slipped the coin
into a top pocket of my driver's
smock."

"If she had only known how she
had hurt my dignity as an engine-
driver, she would have taken it
back. (Laughter.)"

"That is an exceptional case, I
admit, but I am proud that our men
do not look for these things."

Mr. Bromley represents the en-
gine-drivers, firemen, and cleaners.
Engines, he remarked, were not
cleaned so often now as they were
in his days.

"In those days," he said, "en-
gines were so clean that it was
considered almost de rigueur in the
northern part of the system that
drivers and firemen should wear
white trousers and waistcoats,
which we could keep clean for a
fortnight."

"If you kept them clean for 14
minutes now you would be very
careful enginemans and firemen."

"LIE DETECTOR."

A MACHINE WHICH MEASURES
THE TRUTH.

The lie detector is no longer a
joke. The machine for measuring
the truth of statements made to
law-enforcement authorities has
become so proficient in Chicago
that it has won the endorsement
of the "secret six" investigators
of the Chicago Association of
Commerce.

Several embezzlements have
been cleared up and two culprits
in a series of thefts in north-
western university have been
located through the efforts of Dr.
Leonard Keeler, a psychologist,
and the "lie detector." So says
Colonel Colvin H. Goddard, head
of the University's crime detection
laboratories.

From present indications the
heads of the Chicago Police De-
partment are seriously considering
installing a machine and an opera-
tor at the detective bureau.

"The other day a business firm
was robbed," said a person fam-
iliar with Dr. Keeler's work "and
it was decided that everybody in
the firm from president to office
boy be tested. They did not find
the man concerned in the robbery,
but they did find three employees
who had been stealing small sums
of money. In another instance a
business house asked that "secret
six" investigators should search
for some missing securities. When
they got through they had seven
confessions."

The machine is simple in its
operation. The suspect and every
one else under suspicion at the
beginning of an enquiry is placed
in a chair and an arm cuff is ap-
plied similar to that used in tak-
ing blood pressure. A strap round
the chest measures the respiration
of the person about to be ques-
tioned. Scale maps are run
through a recording device and
the indicator needle, making a
mark on the graph, moves upward
or downward as the person's emo-
tions are tested by questions.
The record is studied and then the
suspect is brought back and shown
the results, and a second test, dur-
ing which the suspect watches his
or her own reactions is repeated.

If guilt is indicated by the ex-
citable actions off the indicator
needle, "receiving impulses direct-
ly from the vascular regions of the
heart, the suspect is subjected to a
cross-examination, which usually
brings a confession.

CHANGING LONDON.
WESTWARD MIGRATION OF
BUSINESS HOUSES.

The greatest change in London
since the alteration of Regent
Street is now taking place on the
embankment north of the Thames
between the House of Parliament
and Vauxhall Bridge. It should be
completed early next Summer.

It will afford another example of
the migration of great business es-
tablishments westward from the
City. The new headquarters of
Imperial Chemical Industries al-
ready stands on this embankment,
housing a staff of 1,500. Next to
it is rising Thames House, the larg-
est office building outside United
States, to be let to various firms,
with accommodation for 3,000 em-
ployees.

In both cases the frontages have
been designed in ornamental keep-
ing with the fine new embankment,
lines in one place with gardens, and
in another with shrubs and trees,
which is now being built by the
municipal authority.

Riverside Beauty.
It was here that the Thames
burst its banks two years ago. The
whole embankment is being raised
several feet, and when completed
will be one of the most beautiful
riverside roads in London.

The central feature is the new
Lambeth Bridge, also to be com-
pleted next Summer, which is de-
signed to provide a great new thor-
oughfare for traffic between the
City and West End of London.

This bridge, which in bygone
years, provided merely a footpath
for pedestrians, will emerge in its
new form on five spans capable of
carrying heavy traffic. Road en-
largements are being made at each
end.

The Thames at this point begins
a great horseshoe bend, the other
end of which is in the City. The
road alterations that are contem-
plated will create a new traffic route
by the new bridge, which will cut
like a chord across this bow to
either Tower Bridge or London
Bridge.

WOLFE'S MOTHER.

DRASTIC RECIPE FOR CURE OF
CONSUMPTION.

A quaint recipe for "a good
water for a consumption," written
by the mother of General Wolfe,
the hero of Quebec, was described
by Captain J. R. O.B. Warde, pre-
sident of the Wolfe Society, at a
dinner given in commemoration of
the 204th anniversary of Wolfe's
birth, at his native town of Wester-
ham, Kent. Descendants of Wolfe
were present.

Captain Warde, who is descend-
ed from General George Warde,
Wolfe's great friend and executor,
said that his mother's cookery
book, which was still preserved,
showed that she was not only a
good cook but also an amateur doc-
tor.

"The main element in her recipe
for 'a good water for a consump-
tion' consisted of powdered snails
washed in beer, mixed with split
green earthworms, distilled over a
slow fire, and boiled down with all
kinds of spices and roots in three
gallons of milk. Of this the
patient had to take two spoonfuls,"
said Captain Warde.

"Wolfe may have been a delicate
lad, but somehow I do not think
his mother could have thought him
consumptive, because if anyone had
survived that dose he would never
have succumbed to a mere French
bullet."

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RADIO TOPICS

"WIRELESS" IN ARMY.

Messages Transmitted "On the Move."

Wireless sets are to be more widely distributed among certain Army units so that they may have a fuller command of the ether, and, through it, maintain efficient control over the quickly-moving and widely-separated parts of a formation, says the Morning Post military correspondent. But an army wholly controlled by wireless in war is at present out of the question.

Research and experiment have been quietly carried on since the War, but it was not until something approaching finality in the evolution of the petrol-driven fighting machines gave some indication of what was wanted in the shape of wireless instruments that any real progress could be made. Reliability, simplicity, adaptability, and security are among the qualifications which specifications for Army wireless sets must embrace.

Although work in the laboratory has not ended, it has progressed sufficiently to enable the technical experts in the Royal Corps of Signals to make practical use of "sets" in the field.

Officers of the Corps at Aldershot, discussing with me the present position of wireless communication in the Army, stated that the mobile wireless station, enabling messages to be transmitted "on the move," had proved eminently satisfactory.

The secret transmission of messages is, however, still a baffling proposition. A more promising sphere of immediate action is the development of suitable radio-telephony for communication between observation posts and battery positions which would considerably influence artillery tactics, and experimental radio-telephony sets have already been issued to certain Field Brigades.

Armoured Cars.

The armoured car, capable of covering distances ranging from 60 to 100 miles a day, presents another problem of communication. The armoured car commander wants suitable and reliable radio-telephony to control his squadron efficiently. For reconnaissance reports, wireless telegraph must be available, but accommodation in the machine is limited. Wireless technicians, however, believe that a satisfactory set providing the necessary range will eventually be available for armoured cars thereby giving the necessary communication between squadron and troop leaders.

Increased efficiency of Cavalry Signals is also imperatively necessary in view of the greater mobility given to the mounted branch of the Service through its mechanised machine-gun squadrons and transport. A Cavalry Regiment of an Infantry Division must be provided with wireless sets which can be operated on the move. "These sets, I understand, will be fixed on six-wheeled cross-country vehicles.

But, although wireless communication is necessary to the Army to-day, there are considerations which restrict its use. These are primarily concerned with the time taken in ciphering, transmitting, and deciphering messages; interference which limits the time available for work, and the danger of enemy interception, and of the position being disclosed to hostile direction-finding sets.

The nearer an army gets to the enemy, the greater the difficulties of communication. During preliminary movement, when everything is more or less fluid, wireless will render exceptional service, but as soon as things become stabilised the transmission and reception of messages by wireless telegraphy and radio-telephony might give the enemy valuable information.

It is accordingly not contemplated that an army shall be wholly controlled in war by wireless, or that it will be a permanent substitute for ordinary line telegraphy and telephony.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

5-5:32 p.m.—Orchestral.

La Vida Breve (De Falla), L'Amour Sorcier (Lova the Magician) (De Falla), Symphony Orchestra (D1453).

Neil Gwyn Davies (German), New Symphony Orchestra (B2957).

Molly on the Shore (Granger), Shepherd's Hey (Granger), Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden (B2641).

Count of Luxembourg (Lehar), Merry Widow (Lehar), International Concert Orch. (C1392).

5:32-6:05 p.m.—

Gotterdammerung (end of Act 3), Played by the Berlin State Opera Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra (9456-59).

These records complete the suite which was kindly loaned by a Listener.

6:05-6:55 p.m.—Concert Items.

Piano Solo—

Gavotte in F Major (Beethoven-Baur), Harold Baur (6592).

Song—

Daughter of the Regiment (Donizetti), Lucia di Lammermoor—Silence O'er All (Donizetti), Toti Dal Monte, Soprano (6813).

Song—

The Floral Dance (Moss), The Lute Player (Alltisen), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone (C1313).

Instrumental Trio—

Mirage (Coates), I Zingari (Leoncavallo), David De Groot (Violin), Calve (Cello) (B3028).

Song—

Robin Adair (Keppel), The Last Rose of Summer (Moore), Francis Alde, Soprano (1188).

Song—

Absent (Metcalfe), I Hear a Thrush at Eve (Codman), Derek Oldham, Tenor (B2660).

Organ Solo—

Forever (Agar), In the Heart of the Sunset (Nicholls), Reginald Foot (B3044).

6:55-7:30 p.m.—

Concerto in A Minor (Greig), Arthur De Greef and the Royal Albert Hall Orch. Conducted by Sir Landon Ronald (9151-54).

7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.

7:30-8 p.m.—From the Studio: Violin Recital of Selected Pieces by Michael Wexler, the famous Russian Violinist, accompanied by Mr. Harry Ore.

8-11:30 p.m.—Ko-Shing Theatre Relay.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

11:30 p.m.—Close Down.

As from to-morrow, the Weather Report and Local Time will be announced at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. as at present.

Starting from April the European Evening Programmes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will commence at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

The Prevalence of Anaemia.

Anaemia (blood impoverishment) is far more prevalent than most people imagine. Many people who appear to be in quite normal health have an anaemic tendency without being aware of the fact.

Anaemia is an insidious condition that creeps very slowly upon its victim, the blood becomes thinner and less in quantity without his being aware of it. Only when one of the resultant ailments of blood impoverishment makes its appearance does the victim realize that something has gone wrong.

Perhaps he discovers suddenly that his energy is becoming depleted, his lips and cheeks becoming pale, he is soon tired and feels disinclined to work. Perhaps digestion begins to suffer for lack of good red blood to aid the digestive organs or, more serious, a rheumatic tendency suddenly becomes apparent, resulting from the blood being impure as well as scanty.

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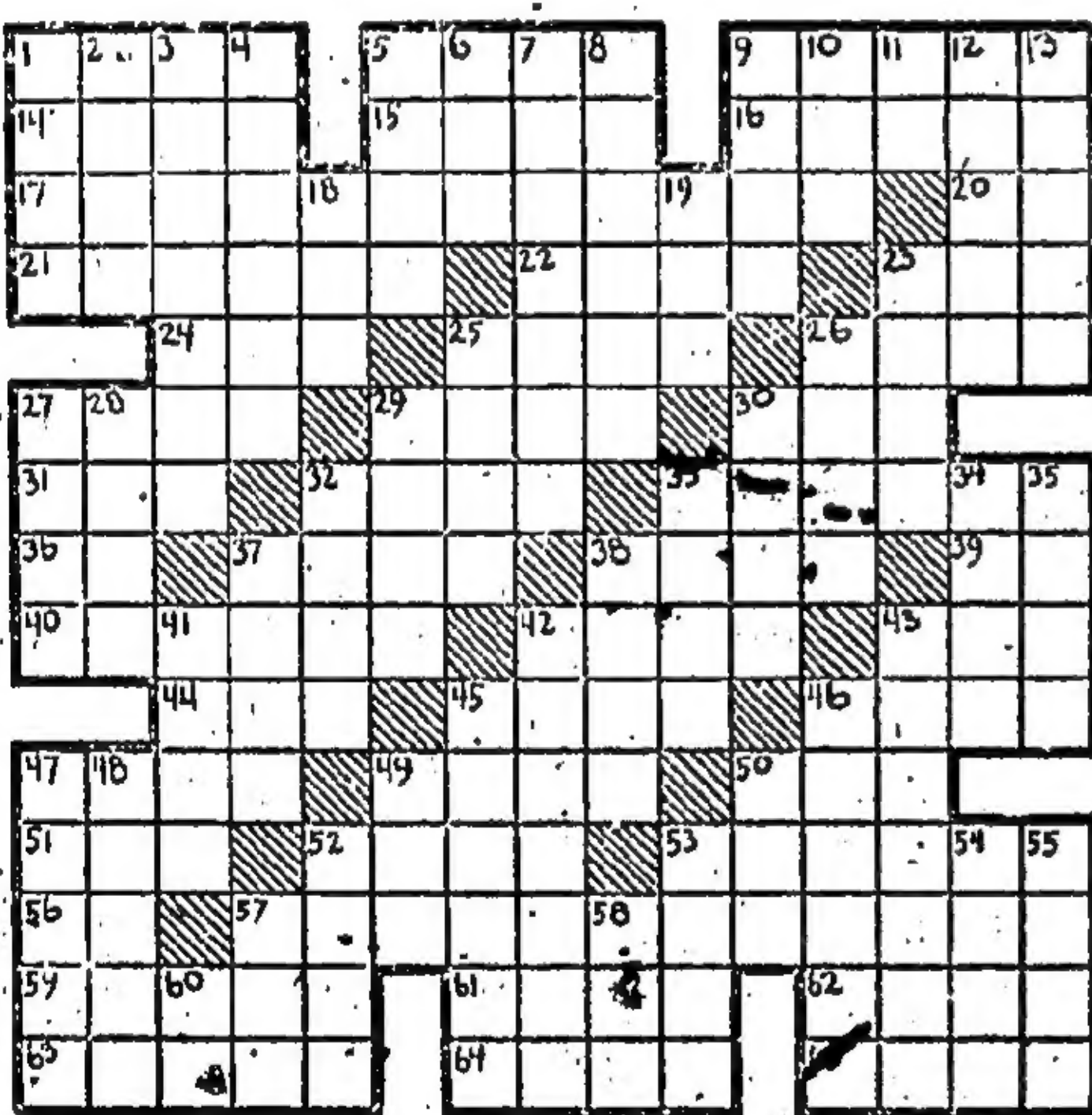
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-Put to death
5-Pierce
9-Scrap of paper containing writing
14-Feminine name
15-Step
16-Covert sarcasm
17-Unintentionally
20-Debtor (abbr.)
21-Resounded
22-Image
23-Expire
24-Use needle and thread
25-Out-door game
26-Legume (pl.)
27-Originate
29-Solitary
30-Human beings
31-Clear of
32-Planet
33-Reposed
34-Like
37-Suggestion
38-Bench
39-Prefix From
40-To be contingent upon
42-Scheme
43-Noble
44-Wear away
45-Shall-fish
46-Roasts
47-Cleanse
48-Seventh king of

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
50-Salt (Latin)
51-Tramp dog
52-Rare poem
53-Man of special learning
54-By
57-Untruthful person
59-Citrus fruit
60-English school
62-Desert in Mongolia
63-Suppo
64-Perceives
65-Formerly (post)
VERTICAL
1-Snatch
2-Vermin
3-Employed
4-Expressed sorrow by, moans
5-Hastened
6-Sunburn
7-Deeds
8-English court messenger
9-Horizontal place of wood in building
10-Shout
11-A square land measure (abbr.)
12-Country of Asia
13-Funeral pines
16-Condensed apostrophe
18-Card game
23-Small, dangerous

VERTICAL (Cont.)
25-External manner
26-Nuisance
27-Small nail
28-Climb
29-Go ashore
30-Average
32-After dinner confection
33-To increase the size of a hole
34-Prepare for print
35-Lairs
37-Pile
38-Outside cut made from a saw-log
41-A fruit
42-Appeal
43-Instrument for expanding a cavity
45-Perennial herb akin to an onion (pl.)
46-Ape
47-Skin of the top of the head
48-External
49-Mimic
50-Poach
52-Eagles
53-Transgressions
54-Heads (humorous)
55-Tribute (abbr.)
57-Issue forth suddenly
58-Fish eggs
60-N. Car. State of U.S. (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

LEARNING TO TALK AGAIN.

How the B.B.C. Trains Speakers.

Learning to talk at the microphone for B.B.C. purposes; the dearth of good broadcasters, and the B.B.C. efforts to discover what manner of talks the public desire—these are the subjects on which a London Morning Post Correspondent deals below.

Learning to talk on the wireless is a most humiliating experience. You struggle against all sort of ignoble passions in the process until, in despair, you reach the Karma of complete impersonal humility. Then you begin to acquire a radio technique.

You are told that it is simply a question of getting your personality "over." That is the one and only problem. And so you start as if you would lecture, or, if you are a politician, addressing a public meeting. Both methods are completely useless. As an example, remember how little success attended Mr.

Lloyd George when faced with that insidious and—so most of us would swear—untruthful mechanism, the microphone.

At first you are inclined to patronise it, then to be thoroughly frightened of it, and then, at long last, to begin to understand it. The secret is really so simple—and so terribly difficult. Be natural. Imagine you are by your fire-side with one intimate friend. Slightly dramatise your conversation, and allow your personality and vitality to flow quietly and naturally.

Helping The Talker.

The B.B.C. do all that they can to help. The talk studio is really restful. You might be sitting in your own library, of your own quiet, decorative choice, with your books around you. And yet... that microphone. Well, its dangers are recognised.

Talks are highly organised at the B.B.C. nowadays. There are few empty spaces in the schedules, and only topical subjects are not organised well in advance.

Few talks sent in from outside are found worthy of acceptance. It is more usual for expert advice to be taken as to the leading authority on a particular subject, and an invitation issued. But, even this plan has its grave disadvantages. Authorities, usually, are busy people with little time to

master the radio technique. In some cases, they will not believe that they need to learn. The B.B.C. has lately, for a number of reasons connected with their general work, made a contract with the Still system of recording on steel. This system will be invaluable in showing recalcitrant talkers their faults in rehearsal. As of old, the "still, small voice of conscience" will refuse them out of their own mouths.

Protecting The Public.

After the voice test, the manuscript comes up for trial. Style may need alteration for radio purposes. The talk must be direct and arresting. Involved sentences and flabby writing end only in the talker being unwittingly "shut off" from the listeners' homes.

All advertising in a talk has to be eliminated, and all controversial issues. Such are the normal difficulties. But these are increased a hundredfold when a topical comes in at the last minute and appears before the "mike" without proper rehearsal.

Many people will be surprised to know that all debates and discussions are always carefully prepared, rehearsed, settled, and written out before they take place. Even more speeches have proved unsatisfactory, the absence of an audience greatly increasing the speakers' difficulties.

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" Liver	羊	頭	" 45 26 25				
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Codfish	魚	魚	" 25 12 9	Lemons, China	檸檬	殼	lb. 12 25 30
Crabs	魚	魚	" 35 16 17	Lemons (American)	金山	檸檬	each 13 8
Cuttle Fish	魚	魚	" 20 28 28	Lichees, Dried	荔枝	干	lb. 80 25 30
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Eels, Conger	魚	魚	" 27 10 8	Peanuts	花生	殼	" 15 10 12
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Rock Fish	魚	魚	" 23 22 10				
Roach	魚	魚	" 43 36 30				
Salmon	魚	魚	" 16 8 10				
Shark	魚	魚	" 13 10 10				
Skate	魚	魚	" 44 32 80				
Shrimps	魚	魚	" 40 28 28				
Shrimp	魚	魚	" 33 22 28				
Soles	魚	魚	" 28 26 35				
Tench	魚	魚	" 37 42 12				
Turbot	魚	魚	" 20 40				
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BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the House of Commons to-day, reviewed the course of events and the action taken and contemplated by the British Government regarding the proposed Austro-German Customs Union. He said that the method and time chosen by the Austrian and German Governments for conveying information to other interested Governments had rightly provoked widespread comment. Mr. Henderson said that his initial reception given to the various statements and memoranda on the subject which reached him as he was about to leave for Paris was one of reserve. It was apparent to him that hurried decisions were not compatible with the nature of the case, but that points of law were involved which demanded expert advice and mature deliberation.

French Perturbed.

In Paris he found French opinion in a state of very natural perturbation. After careful consideration he reached the conclusion that the matter was eminently one coming within the competence of the League of Nations. Accordingly he decided to inform the German and Austrian Governments that they should be under no misapprehension as to the serious misgivings aroused by their action in many countries and in France in particular.

He thought there might be two opinions as to the exact conformity of the proposed treaty with the existing obligations of Austria and indeed of Germany. The widespread state of feeling caused him great concern and he felt if nothing were done to calm apprehensions the task of those anxious that the Disarmament Conference should meet under the most favourable conditions would be seriously compromised by any apparent disregard by unilateral action or interpretation of any treaty obligations.

Treaty Obligations.

He caused these considerations to be submitted to the German and Austrian Chancellors with all the emphasis which the circumstances, in his opinion, demanded, and appealed to them that before they proceeded further opportunity should be given to the League Council, under whose auspices the protocol of 1922 was negotiated, to assure itself that the proposed treaty was not contrary to the obligations undertaken by Austria in that instrument. He informed M. Briand at once of the action he had taken, and M. Briand assured him that the procedure to be contemplated would fully meet the views of the French Government.

On the following day, March 26, he received the reply of the Austrian Government. It was to the effect that they were of the opinion that the proposed agreement was quite in conformity with the Geneva protocol of 1922. They did not object to the legal aspect of it being examined by the Governments which signed the Geneva Protocol. To examine the agreement from a political standpoint would, however, be out of the question, considering its economic character. The Aus-

trian Government had no intention of facing other Governments with a fait accompli.

The German Government replied that the Austro-German agreement was entirely within the framework of the Geneva Protocol of October 4, 1922. Therefore, in their opinion there was no reason why the League Council should take up the matter.

Nothing to Fear.

The two Governments had nothing to fear if the other Governments proceeded to an examination of the political aspect of the question, but the German Government could not admit an examination of the agreement by the League Council from the political standpoint, as the agreement was of a purely economic character. The negotiations would naturally have to take their course and, having regard to the numerous technical details which had to be settled, could not be concluded before two or three months had lapsed.

Mr. Henderson said that he regarded the Austrian answer as less open to question than the German answer, which might be held to imply that examination. The political aspect of the question would have to be conducted without their co-operation and expressed interest of continuing the negotiations with Austria in the meantime. Thinking that the German Government had perhaps misapprehended his suggestion, he telegraphed to Berlin on March 26 saying that his suggestion had been simply to the effect that before the two Governments proceeded further opportunity should be given to the Council to assure itself that the proposed treaty was not contrary to the 1922 protocol.

Germany's Reply.

It was possible that the Council would be reluctant to pronounce on so technical and juridical a question without seeking opinion from the Permanent Court of International Justice, and he would support such a procedure. The German Government replied on the same day that they had perfectly understood his proposal that the negotiations contemplated between the two Governments would take two or three months at least, that the German Government for their part saw no reason to refer the proposed treaty to the League Council, since they were satisfied that it was not contrary to the protocol of 1922; that the Powers signatory to the protocol are of course satisfied to refer the treaty to the Council, but that the German Government must reserve complete liberty of action with regard to any procedure which may be suggested to the Council.

The German Government did not understand his proposal to refer the treaty for examination to the Council suggesting its examination from a political standpoint, but wished to make it clear that in their view examination from such a standpoint was not admissible.

Mr. Henderson continued: "It is my intention to give notice to the Secretary General of my wish to discuss at the next Council meeting the compatibility of the proposed agreement with Austria's Treaty obligations, particularly under the protocol of 1922, and if there is a general desire that the Council should be assisted by advisory opinion from the Permanent Court of International Justice I shall certainly support a reference to that Court. The Austrian Government will, of course, in accordance with the standing order, be invited to participate in these discussions. I am glad to say that such invitation would be accepted. The German Government's response to my explanations recognises as understandable its priority of reference to the Council, while reserving their rights in respect to any procedure there proposed to be followed. I

will have the benefit of the German answer from this that they infer that other members of the Council view of the question submitted—a question, I may add, so eminently and incontestably suitable for such procedure, and I earnestly hope that it may be found when the time comes that the negotiations between the Austrian and German Governments will not have been so advanced as to prejudice the friendly atmosphere in which matters are normally dealt with by the Council. In confident expectancy that my hopes will be realised, I ask you in passing to direct your attention to the inestimable benefit of the League of Nations to States and members confronted as we all have been during the last few days with a situation which might in other circumstances have led to ill-feeling."

Referring to points of interest and the importance arising out of these events Mr. Henderson said that a divergence of view had been revealed as to whether the Council or some special subsidiary organ was the proper forum for discussion in the first instance of the legal aspects of the proposed agreement. He had the best authority for saying that the constitution and rules of the League require that this should be the Council under which the protocol of 1922 was negotiated. The British Government's attitude must be one of reserve.

He concluded by emphasising that the pursuit of line the British Government had laid down offered the best and indeed the only proper solution of the episode that had caused and a regrettable perturbation in Europe.

Agreement with the course the Foreign Secretary had taken was expressed at the conclusion of his statement by Sir Austin Chamberlain.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

That the line taken by Britain regarding the proposed Austro-German economic union offered the only proper solution to the episode, which had caused such regrettable perturbation in Europe, was emphasised by Mr. Arthur Henderson, replying to several questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. Henderson said that the methods and time chosen by Austria and Germany for conveying the information regarding the union were calculated to raise suspicion and nullify the advantages of a frank exchange of ideas afforded by the meetings in Geneva.

He intended to notify the Secretary General of the League of his wish to discuss at the next Council meeting the compatibility of the proposed agreement with Austria's Treaty obligations, and declared that the attitude of the British Government toward the questions was one of complete reserve.—Reuter.

The Desired Goal.

Vienna, Yesterday.

Defending the Austro-German Customs Union agreement, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Schober, emphasised that it was the sequel to many futile efforts of Austria to bring about a lowering or removal of the tariff walls of neighbouring states. Austria was similarly negotiating with Hungary and Yugoslavia, while Germany was entering into conversations with Roumania, thus showing that the co-operation of Central Europe was the desired goal. He concluded by stating that Austria and Germany had merely done their duty to their own countries and to Europe. "No idea is further from us than disturbance of the peace of Europe."—Reuter.

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